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# McCardell outlines long term goals

## *Poor publicity leads to low student turnout*

**By James M. Oleske**

It had been modestly advertised as "a brief talk" in which the President of Middlebury College, John McCardell, would speak to the community "about plans for the year ahead."

Perhaps as a result of the low-key publicity, only a small crowd of around 10 students came to listen to the president's speech Monday afternoon in Mead Chapel. However, the turnout among faculty and staff, who were notified separately via computer message, was considerably higher, and the Chapel was nearly half-full as the president began his address.

McCardell started by inviting the audience to join him for a review of the past year, which he characterized as one of "considerable accomplishment," and a glance into the coming year and how the college would begin to realize its long term goals.

The president talked early and often about the college's Ten Year Planning Document. By adopting the agenda, McCardell said that "in principles, in goals and objectives we stated where we were, where we wished to be and those things which would animate our progress towards those goals."

Most prominent among these goals was the eminent renovation of the science building which the president said was "clearly the next major capital project on our agenda."

McCardell referred to the upcoming New Dorms renovations as a project which demonstrates Middlebury's commitment to bringing the college forward into the coming century.

Other steps taken in the past year which were noted included the adoption of new distribution requirements, the establishment of the commons system, and the attempt to encourage a "greater involvement of the students" in setting the comprehensive fee.

On the administrative front, the president pointed to the initial steps that have been taken towards a "new administrative divisional structure."

The most notable changes in this respect are the move of former Dean of the College John Emerson into the position of Vice President for Student Affairs, and Kirsten Powell's shift to the position of Dean of the College, but with responsibilities differing from those Emerson had in the past.

As for the staff, McCardell spoke of the highly anticipated voluntary separation program, which will be spelled out in detail later this month, and is the product of hard work and cooperation between the staff and college leaders over the past year.

McCardell described the development timely and capable of producing significant savings for the school.

"If we do it right," he explained, "we can begin to transform the college."

The president conceded that there "are unfortunately some lingering issues from last year," but he did not mention the off-campus fraternity and sorority controversy or the DU suspension by name. Instead, he used a Lincoln quote about how to deal with stubborn parties that refused to budge to indicate that if those issues would not leave, the college would move around and beyond them.

Elaborating on his earlier praise of the Commons, the president said of the new residential life project, "it's proper to judge the first year of this system a success, but we need to build on that success."

Upon completing his review of what he termed "a very busy and productive" year, McCardell then proceeded to lay out the challenges which "will give us purpose and direction" and "will tell us what we always need to be about."

First among these challenges, he said, is to define what responsible citizenship really means at Middlebury.

McCardell spoke most about the importance of strong leadership and the need for confidence from members of the community.

The president said that there needed to be a "willingness to acknowledge the best, rather than suspect the worst in the behavior and judgments made by those to whom responsibility for the institution has been entrusted. Likewise, those judgments must be based on an intimate familiarity with the life of this campus; authority wisely exercised is not authority that is out of touch. Responsibility duly discharged welcomes scrutiny, learns from criticism, and insists on being held accountable."

Continuing to lay out the goals for the coming year, McCardell discussed creating a "model workplace" for the staff and faculty. "No one," he said, "knows more about your job than you do."

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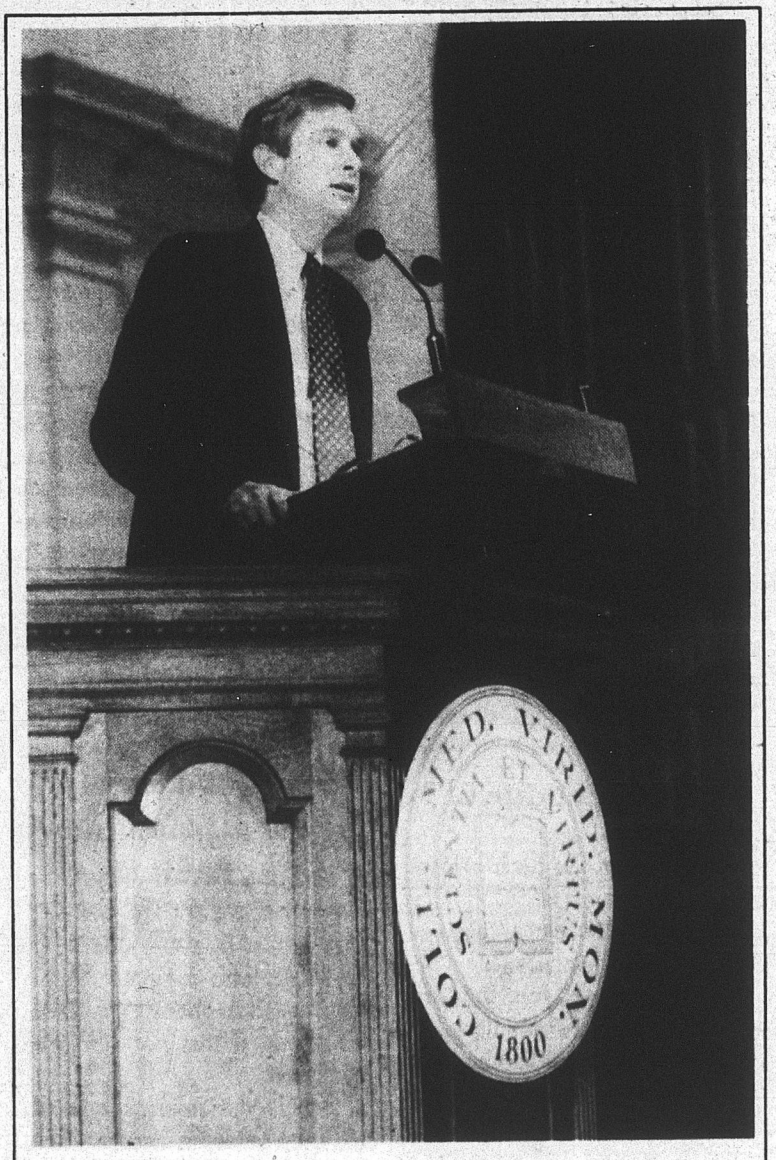

McCardell addresses community. *Photo by Tifany Claflin*

# Campus faces fallout of June DU decision

**By R. Jon Baronowski**

It has been over three months since President McCardell informed the college community of his indefinite suspension of the Delta Upsilon (DU) social organization, but the fallout from the decision is only now coming to light.

Some have reacted negatively to the manner in which the action was taken. "We were not dealt with respectfully in this process. What the administration wanted and what the students got are two very different things," said Eric Schroeder '95, a prominent member of the DU Leadership Council.

When asked why the decision was made on June 15, long after students had left campus for summer vacation, McCardell explained that the move was in the best interests of the community.

"No good purpose would have been served to put [the decision] out sooner...there was some risk of renewed improper behavior," he said, referring to a rampage by

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# *Bosnia conflict hits home*

**By R. Jon Baronowski**

Fleeing the ceaseless fighting in war-torn Sarajevo, a group of twelve Bosnian refugees will begin arriving in Middlebury this week.

The effort has been made possible by a group of concerned citizens in town who have worked in conjunction with the Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program. In addition, Professors Kevin Moss and Alexandra Baker have volunteered to help translate for the refugees.

When the Bosnians arrive, they will be housed temporarily by local families. Greg Supernovich, an instructor at Castleton State University and an organizer who has helped bring the refugees here, expressed his hope that the three families who are coming here will have their own apartments in town within a month after their arrival.

The families will receive public assistance for eight months and they will be given English lessons twice a week, but will need much more. "These people will have almost nothing when they arrive. We're going to need donations to furnish their apartment to help get them started. More importantly, we're going to need people who can show them how to shop and how to live. They're going to need friends," said Supernovich.

The Coalition to Halt Genocide was formed last spring in Middlebury as the plight of the Bosnian Muslims became increasingly publicized. The twelve members, while of diverse backgrounds and differing opinions, all held the

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Students relish final days of summer. *Photo by Alex Grossman*

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# College Shorts

## USM starves its mascot

Investigators from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service determined that the University of Southern Mississippi killed its mascot, an eagle, by feeding it improperly.

It was discovered that the student in charge of feeding the eagle was not a registered falconer and did not notice when the bird stopped eating.

The university has agreed to donate $5000 to groups that help eagles. The assistant U.S. attorney said that no criminal action would be taken.

## Price tag for Quayle draws resentment

Dan Quayle has been offered $12,500 to speak at Old Dominion University, sparking an uproar over the value of such a speaker.

Many students felt that the money could have been better spent on reducing tuition, and others felt that spending the money on anything would have been better than lining the former vice president's pockets.

University officials defend the decision, pointing to the historical significance of a vice president, however lackluster he may have been.

## Manure proves deadly at Michigan State

Over twenty cows died in a dairy-research facility at Michigan State University when workers cleaned out a manure pit underneath the barn. Gas released by the manure displaced oxygen, which led to the demise of the animals.

The workers were examined at a local hospital but were unharmed. The cows will be taken outside the barn when it is time for the next cleaning.

## Maryland fraternity physically abuses pledges

24 members of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity at the University of Maryland have been charged with hazing after they allegedly abused several pledges.

Injuries suffered by the pledges include a ruptured spleen, a collapsed lung, and a broken ankle.

Police received an anonymous report from a student who said that pledges were being the subjects of regular physical abuse during each pledge period. Each fraternity member is being charged with six counts of hazing and one count of conspiring to haze. The fraternity members could face up to six months in prison.

## Disabled student fights the power

A quadriplegic who had been rejected by several medical schools has been accepted to the Albert Einstein College of Medicine at Yeshiva University.

James B. Post, IV graduated with honors from King's College but was rejected by 10 medical schools. Some of the schools claimed that the disability deprived him of motor skills that a doctor is required to have.

The Einstein College acceptance was conditional, provided that Post pays for a physician's assistant.

## Woman fakes cut in the gut at Youngstown State

A woman at Youngstown State University who originally claimed that she was stabbed by an attacker has admitted that her story was fabricated.

Debbie McCambridge admitted that her stomach wound was actually self-inflicted. She was put on probation and is required to seek counseling.

Another student at the university who falsely claimed that she was raped is awaiting her trial.

## St. Olaf president gets a new do

Melvin D. George, president of St. Olaf College had the number 93 shaved in the back of his head in honor of the last graduating class.

George agreed to endure the haircut if the class accomplished their fundraising goal, which they did. The haircut was administered in a college lounge so students could watch.

George spoke at commencement with the haircut and traveled in Europe where he met with the King of Norway.

## Lightning strikes down South Dakota student

A student walking back to her dorm room was struck by lightning and killed at the University of South Dakota.

Christina Barnett, a senior biology major was returning from an orientation event for new students when she was struck. Officials described the event as highly improbable. She was less than 10 yards from her dorm and surrounded by trees when the lightning struck.

*Sources: The Chronicle of Higher Education*
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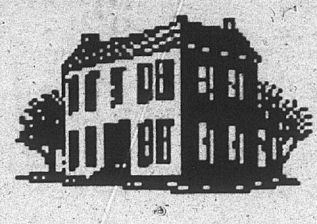
# Global to Local

By Niamh O'Leary-Liu



## Arafat, Rabin face in D.C. at signing of peace treaty

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzak Rabin and Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) chairman Yasser Arafat met in Washington D.C. to oversee the signing of a new peace treaty in a Monday morning ceremony on the South Lawn of the White House. Officials are hopeful that the accord will put an end to the territorial conflict that has claimed thousands of lives in this century.

The agreement will separate Israeli troops and Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and in the town of Jericho in the West Bank, while also permitting limited self-rule elsewhere in the West Bank.

The two bitter enemies have different long range goals for the treaty. Arafat, who was considered a terrorist and unwelcome in the United States until last Friday, stated that the agreement will bring "an independent Palestine state, with Jerusalem as its capital."

Rabin's response concerning Arafat's plan for the holy city was, "He can forget it." PLO and Israeli officials will meet in two years when the next phase of the peace process begins to discuss such things as the future of Jerusalem, possible West Bank Statehood, and a resolution for Palestinian refugees displaced by the Jewish state.

The signing of the accord came in the wake of scattered anti-Israeli attacks aimed at the peace treaty. The United States remains committed to the security of Israel, one of its closest allies, and has also pledged to raise funds for the new Palestinian government as well as lending support in the overall peace process.

The actual signers of the treaty are Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PLO Executive Committee member Mahmoud Abbas.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher described the general situation. "An awful lot of taboos are being broken...in the last few days. We're all blinking our eyes at how much is new."Israel and Jordan were scheduled to ratify a negotiations agenda on Tuesday, which will bind the two countries to conclude their talks in a peace treaty.

## Clinton's health care reform defended

Vice President Al Gore appeared on the NBC program "Face the Nation" recently to defend President Clinton's sweeping reforms of the health care system. Many people have been concerned that Clinton's proposal would result in cuts in service or higher costs or both.

Gore made an effort to reassure citizens, stating that, "We have a good plan that is going to...bring down the cost while expanding coverage."

In a briefing Sunday at the White House, senior health care advisor Ira Magaziner, in response to negative newspaper articles, said, "The vast majority of Americans will pay less for the same or better health care benefits than today."

Universal health care coverage would be paid for by overall savings including a 12 percent cut in Medicaid payments. Employers would finance 80 percent through premiums, with employees picking up the rest. Private health care would be slowed and "sin taxes" on tobacco and perhaps liquor would provide revenue to pay for covering the estimated 35 to 37 million Americans currently without health insurance.

Health care specialists boil the reforms down to a central conflict between paying for universal coverage and guarding current medical service levels. Rhode Island senator John Chafee (R) called the Clinton proposal "a good basis on which to proceed," although the GOP will pursue some major changes.

## Vermont educators puzzled by low SAT scores

In Vermont, education officials, teachers and parents are debating the cause of students' low SAT scores statewide. The state's scores are ranked 36 out of 52, despite the fact that Vermont has the most educational staff per student and also spends the sixth highest amount per student.

Sixty-eight percent of Vermont high school seniors took the SAT. Somewhat lower scores may be attributed to the fact that such a large amount of students with varying skill levels took the test. However, such low scores are hard to understand in light of the fact that the students' assessment test scores have actually gone up.

Deputy education commissioner Bruce Richardson said these findings show that "the school system is not working. That's the message that the Education Department, the State Education Board, and school boards across the state have been trying to get across for the last three or four years."

Some people criticize the test itself as the problem, while others, such as Douglas Kemerer, parent of two graduates of Essex Junction High School, point to the elimination of enrichment programs for high achievers. Such cuts have helped finance various special education programs, but leave the other extreme of students to fend for themselves.

There are also other curious aspects to the test results. For instance, far more girls take the test at Middlebury Union High School than boys, but boys traditionally score better on the tests. For whatever reason girls do not score as well, the fact that more girls take it here lowers the average.

Senator Jeb Spaulding (D), chair of the Senate Education Committee, believes that what is needed now is creativity, not more money. "We have to get better results for the money we are paying."

## Vermont tourist season disappoints merchants again

The tourist season was mediocre this summer once again in Vermont, as was the case in most of the country. Reflecting the economic climate of the day, travelers have tended to spend less when they go on excursions.

"People still weren't confident in the economy and they decided to hold onto their money," believes Rusty Harding, manager of the Middlebury Inn.

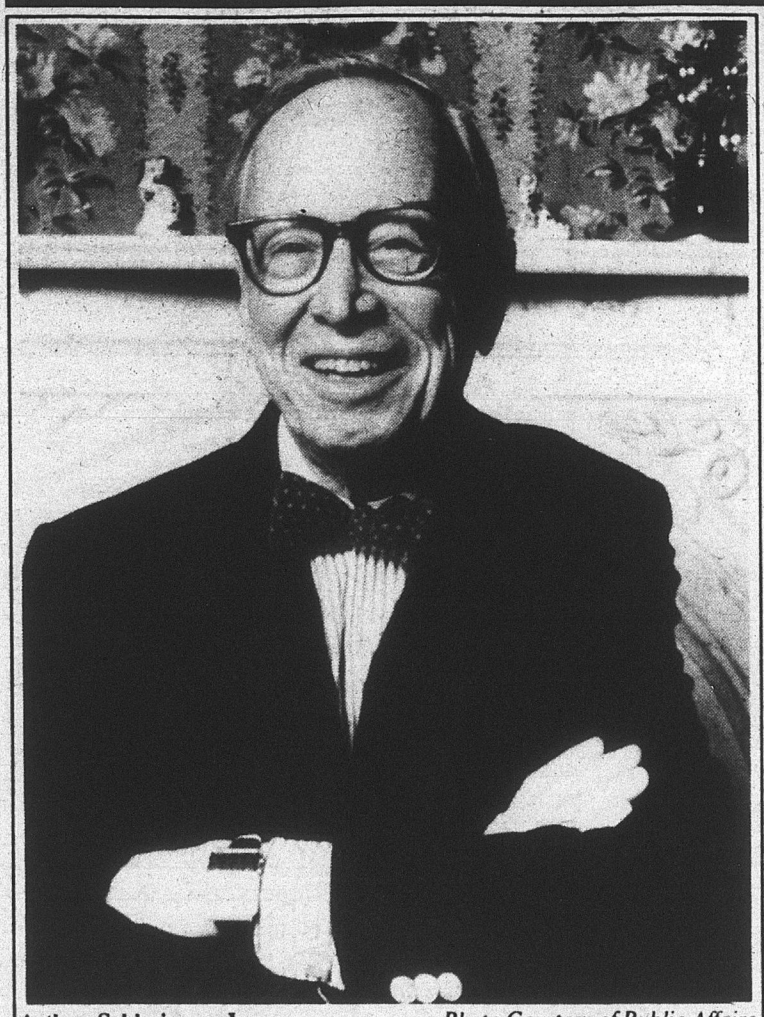
"The actual number of visitors who stopped at the Vermont Chamber of Commerce was up 10% this year. We were up in terms of the number of people, but they were tighter with what they wanted to spend. They were looking for bargains and you don't make money off of bargains," said Win Grant, the owner of Kennedy Brothers Marketplace in Vergennes.

The decreased spending is consistent with anxiety over layoffs and downsizing across the country. What bothers officials more is the marked decrease in the number of bus tours to Addison County. The Middlebury Inn has seen the number of buses it hosts drop to half of what it was two years ago. The bus tours are typically a crutch for tourist-related businesses offering consistent business.

Offsetting the reduced number of bus tours was the dramatic increase of non-reservation travelers to the area. This business kept the area busy, though business was at times erratic.

Visitors to the county's historical attractions were way up from a year ago, reflecting the tourist's desire for less expensive and more wholesome entertainment.

Most area merchants admit that things could have been much worse. The Basin Harbor Club in Ferrisburgh even managed to do an impressive amount of business despite several cases of salmonella linked to the restaurant.



Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. *Photo Courtesy of Public Affairs*

# College offers voluntary separation

**By Katharine Loos**

The college will present a "voluntary separation" plan to the staff this month, giving employees the option of leaving the college, either with an extended benefits package or to be rehired after training for a different position. The plan will be presented on Sept. 28 and decisions made by November 8.

The decision to leave and/or be rehired is up to each staff member, and the proposal is expected to eliminate about 25 positions, according to Assistant Treasurer and Acting Director of Human Resources Tom Corbin.

These projections are in accordance with the Ten Year Planning Document, the long range plan for the college released in the spring of 1992, which calls for a staff reduction of approximately 25 people to parallel the smaller student body that it calls for. According to Corbin, different offices will adjust to a loss of staff by "eliminating work and doing work better."

Different voluntary separation plans have been used at other schools to avoid layoffs. University of Vermont, Dartmouth College and Smith College are among those who have used a variations on the concept being used at Middlebury, some with a stronger focus on early retirement. "It is becoming relatively common," said Corbin.

Michael Warner, a catalog associate and president of the Staff Council, says that the staff supports the idea.

"We have been consulted every step of the way," said Warner. The main concern of the staff, according to Warner, is about the results of voluntary separation. "The primary concern for us is what is going to happen afterwards," said Warner.

Staff and administration have been looking into the effect of a smaller staff in offices around campus.

Six teams were formed this spring comprised of staff and some faculty and students to take part in role-playing for two days to see whether offices could adjust to missing staff and come up with ways to restructure the offices. Then there was half a day of discussion. "The administration listened," said Warner.

This process led those involved to conclude that voluntary separation was feasible. "We decided it was possible to restructure the work at Middlebury after separation," said Corbin. "We've put months into what will happen afterwards." After the November 8 deadline, there will be 12-14 weeks of adjustment before the departing staff leave. During this time in the effected offices, "teams of employees will figure out how to redo the work we do," explained Corbin.

Warner feels that this 12 to 14 week period will be a valuable experience for the staff. "It will be a positive thing for the staff who remain."

President John McCardell also commented on the benefits of voluntary separation in his speech to the college community Sept. 13. "[Voluntary Separation] can produce significant savings in efficiencies in our operations."

The plan to introduce voluntary separation to the staff was announced in April in a letter written by McCardell addressed to the college community. In that letter, as in a notice to the community in August, he emphasized that, " There will be no layoffs."

# Schlesinger to address graduating seniors

**By Katharine Loos**

Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., one of the foremost historians of the last half-century, has been named the graduation speaker for the class of 1994's ceremony next spring.

The career of this scholar, both as an observer of and a participant in the political life of the twentieth century, is as varied as it is respected.

Don Wyatt, associate professor of history , described Schlesinger as someone who has vast experience "not only in the academic world, but also in the real world of political cultures."

Schlesinger is the author of 23 books, including such influential works as "The Vital Center," "The Politics of Upheaval" and "The Imperial Presidency."

In addition he has received numerous awards such as the Pulitzer Prize for History in 1946, a Guggenheim Fellowship also in 1946, the Pulitzer Prize for Biography in 1966 and the National Book Award in 1966 and 1979.

Schlesinger is also president of the Society of American Historians, on the National Council for the American Civil Liberties Union, the Council of Foreign Relations and the Center for Inter-American Relations.

He attained an A.B. from Harvard University in 1938 and was a fellow at both Cambridge and Harvard. He has also received honorary degrees from over twenty colleges and universities.

## McCardell

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Middlebury, according to McCardell, was the ability to continue ensuring need blind admissions. Furthermore, he expressed his belief that new options to reform financial aid must be continually explored.

Another goal would be to keep the college on pace with technological advances without sacrificing the human element at the college.

Finally, McCardell discussed improving student social and residential life.

To move forward, he said, it will be necessary "to confer even more responsibility and accountability on students for their conduct and behavior out of the classroom."

In the next year, McCardell said it would be necessary to "determine the consequences of making the Commons and Social house system the central organizing principle of social and residential life on our campus, to define what it will take to make the system.

"This involves consideration of current space and the need for new or reallocated space, space for dining, space for recreation, space for meetings and activities and space for parties."

The success of the both the social houses and the commons, McCardell maintained, would be dependent not only on the participation of the students, but the staff and faculty as well.

McCardell described a successful system as "contributing to the variety, and I underscore variety, not sameness, of social life on campus."

In closing, McCardell expressed his hope that the community could meet these goals. "We begin this new year with confidence, with courage and with hope. There is work to be done, it is time to get on with it."

## DU decision

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DU members last spring after Community Council decided to suspend the organization for earlier violations. "The history of that organization is not one to warrant confidence," he added.

Dean of Students Ann Hanson agreed with McCardell that it was best that the decision came out after graduation. "Nobody wanted [the decision] to interfere with senior week," she said.

The DU decision was not mentioned during the president's address to the college community on Monday. "I don't think [the decision] comes anywhere close to affecting the long term prospects of the institution," said McCardell when asked about his speech. He did not believe that the decision was relevant to a discussion about making the college a "first rate institution."

DU members have raised doubts over the intent of the decision. "The effect would have been the same if we were terminated," said Schroeder.

Hanson did not think this was so and felt that the organization could be resurrected if the last pledge class is puts in the effort. "They can help rebuild the house their senior year, but they have to be willing to do it," she said.

DU can make no effort to reestablish itself until the fall of 1994 and reinstatement cannot occur until after the spring of 1995. The class of 1995 was DU's last pledge class, which means that most if not all of the current membership will be gone by the time the house has a chance to return. Because of this, Schroeder believes the suspension is tantamount to termination.

McCardell explained that, similar to a previous suspension DU in 1988, this decision is intended to change the fundamental nature of of organization. To express this goal to the community, McCardell said he had considered making the group change their name upon reinstatement.

McCardell admits that the terms of the suspension were harsh. "I didn't like it, and I don't like it...[but] I had to do it."

Hanson agreed that the punishment was appropriate, recalling the violent reaction of several DU members to the Community Council recommendation last April.

"That recommendation called for a one year suspension. After they damaged the house they were suspended another year," she explained. Hanson added that she believed that it was time for the community to move on.

Centeno House, formerly known as DU, now houses unaffiliated students. *Photo by Tifany Claflin*

# Postponed construction leads to housing crunch

By Katharine Loos and James M. Oleske

The renovation of the New Dorms has been rescheduled and is likely to begin in October, making additional challenges for the Residential Life staff and changing housing situations for students.

Though the incoming class is relatively small at 445 students, 20 students smaller than the class of '96, the overall number of students was still too big for the college to handle with the number of beds that it had in the spring. One solution was to have more houses for block draw.

Eleven news houses were introduced, eight in this spring's block draw and an additional three for summer housing, including 14 Adirondack View, 5 Franklin Street and Norensburg House on Route 30. Many of the houses were previously lived in by faculty and some are newly rented by the college.

The situation will change after the renovations end, explains newly appointed Director of Residential Life Kathy Follert '87. "A year from now we will be in the same situation," said Follert. "After the renovations are complete we will return to a system without all these houses."

Many of the houses are in demand from the faculty, and will revert back to their original purpose when the New Dorms are finished.

Another solution to the housing crunch was to house sophomores in the top floors of Stewart and Allen, which traditionally only house first-year students. Megan Shattuck '96, who lives on Stewart's fifth floor, points out the problem with being in a first-year dorm. "We would have preferred to draw in the New Dorms. Part of the appeal of being a sophomore is living with your friends."

Megan's roommate, Courtney Slautterback '96, has mixed feelings.

While she wanted to live near most of her class, she added, "When construction starts, I might be glad to visit but not to have to live there."

There are also a handful of students living in Hadley for this month waiting for beds to open up elsewhere on campus.

Hieu Nguyen '92, assistant to the director of residential life, points out that students living in Milliken expected to move into a renovated Hadley in the spring of '94 when they drew rooms in the spring of '93. But while students in the New Dorms are inconvenienced, other students have benefited from the added houses.

Nguyen said of the houses, "I think the housing opportunity provided by the college is unique. People I have spoken to at other colleges are amazed that students at Middlebury have this option."

Originally scheduled for the summer, renovations were moved due to the high bidding on the project by contractors last spring. The board had to reject all bids because they were over budget.

The board will meet again in October and is expected to choose a contractor so that the project can begin.

***"When construction starts, I might be glad to visit [the New Dorms] but not to have to live there." Courtney Slautterback '96***

To bring the budget down, some changes have been made in the original plans for the New Dorms. Instead of being made into rooms, the attics will remain as storage space, and the patios around the seven story towers have been scratched from the original plans. The landscaping in front has been scaled down, as has some of the elaborate stone work around the windows.

Nevertheless, the News Dorms will be greatly improved, says Follert. "The renovations are going to change the New Dorms from sophomore housing to junior and senior housing, having a drastic impact on room draw."

Nguyen emphasized that the style of the plans for the New Dorms has many advantages. "It is more inclusive and facilitates groups of students being able to congregate in common spaces."

**The new recycling program on campus keeps the recycling team busy.** *Photo by Tiffany Claflin*

To help current New Dorms residents live through the construction in Hadley, the Undergraduate will be open for study during the day. Survival packets, including earplugs to block out construction noise, will be distributed when the construction begins, said Follert.

Follert acknowledged the difficulties the housing crunch will pose this year. "I think it is going to be a big challenge," said Follert. "There is not going to be a lot of flexibility. We are going to have to ask people to be more flexible and more cooperative."

Adjusting to the changes in housing for the next two years will make housing better for some than for others on campus. For this reason, Follert feels that the idea that people might live in the same commons for their four years at Middlebury is not likely soon. "Until our housing is more equitable, asking students to live in one place for four years is not feasible."

Follert sees one of the strengths of the commons today as the number of new leadership positions on it creates on campus, up to 80 positions from 60 before the commons system was instituted.

Nguyen stresses that the commons can be play any part the students want it to in residential life. "It could be something the students want it to be," said Nguyen. "They have to get into it and get involved." There is a misperception among students that the commons system is run by the deans, said Nguyen, something he wants to dispel.

Other changes this semester include a Resident Housing Assistant (RHA) for the houses. This category includes both social houses and other residential houses. The RHA for this new group is Ryan Jennings '93. Follert said of the new position, "We want Ryan to be an advocate and to help the houses."

The new houses that were introduced in this spring's block draw include 40 College Street, 44 and 46 Shannon Street, 43 and 43 and a half South Street, 45 South Street, Homer/Harris House, Harris Farm 1 and 2, and Heifer House.

## Bosnia

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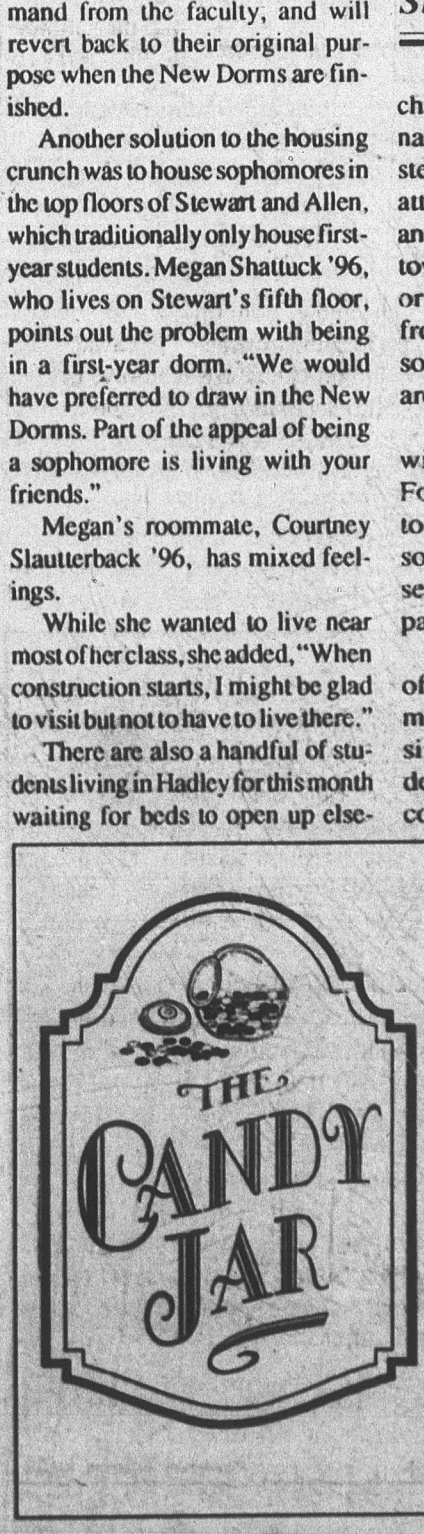
belief that the war must be stopped. "None of us are great politicians, but [the war] is a moral outrage and it's been pretty frustrating," said Supernovich.

Later this summer the group came into contact with the resettlement program and decided to assist refugees who wished to leave their homeland.

Since its founding, the group has held vigils, conducted a teach-in and collected petitions. It has also written the White House and the United Nations.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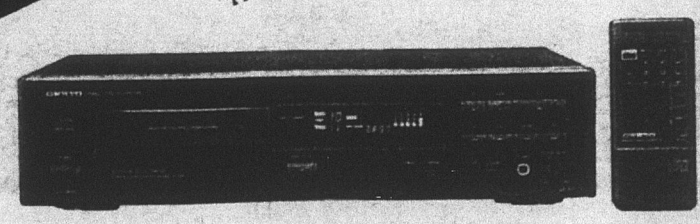

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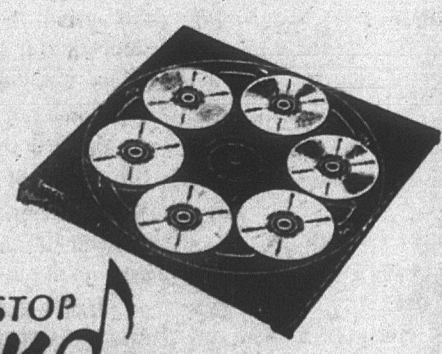

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# Peace in the Middle East is welcome but still precarious

Since I can remember, I have been taught not to trust Arabs, that their intentions toward Jews can only be violent. My family and I lived in Israel for a year; my brothers and I made fun of Arab children our own age by trying to imitate Arabic. Arabs and Jews have been enemies to the death since the creation of Israel in 1948.

I was as surprised as anyone to learn that secret negotiations in Norway have led to a peace agreement between Israel and the PLO. Like many others , I am somewhat skeptical.

However, I am very encouraged by the willingness of the two sides to make the concessions that they so long denounced in order to stop the dying that has become routine in the Middle East.

The plan, signed Monday, gives Palestinians limited self-rule in the Gaza Strip and in the West Bank city of Jericho.

Israeli soldiers will start withdrawing on December 13, 1993 and finish four months later. A Palestinian council will be elected by July1994 to govern the areas and a joint Palestinian-Israeli committee will oversee efforts to economically revive the war-torn Gaza Strip.

Israeli soldiers will still be responsible for defending the Israeli settlers that live in Gaza and Jericho; the Palestinian Council will govern the region for a five year interim period during which the PLO and Israel are expected to arrive at a permanent peace agreement.

In spite of the optimism, the death of three Israelis and four Palestinians Sunday in the occupied territories shows that not everyone favors the peace plan. The most adamant opposition to the plan comes from the Islamic Resistance Movement, which is gaining popularity among poor and oppressed Palestinians in Gaza; acts of violence against Jews will continue.

The negotiations to sign the treaty took place in secret because they put Arafat's life in danger; the increasingly divided PLO may not let Arafat live to even attempt overseeing a peaceful coexistence. Will Israeli soldiers step back into Gaza to stop Palestinian "Hamas" (members of the Islamic Resistance Movement) from murdering Jews, or will the newly created Palestinian police force deal with violence? It will be extremely difficult for the Israeli Army to be responsible for defending Israelis in Gaza if the soldiers are NOT ACTUALLY IN GAZA themselves. If Israeli soldiers are forced to re-enter it, the process is back to the beginning.

The plan also states that the PLO and the Israeli government must begin talks regarding the status of Jerusalem by December 1995. Arafat is set on Jerusalem becoming the capital of a future independent Palestinian state; Rabin says that "the Palestinian flag will not be over Jerusalem."

Another problem, although not as great, is the issue of how to pay for the new Palestinian Gaza Strip. The PLO is virtually bankrupt, and the Israeli government will have to spend hundreds of millions or even billions to help rebuild the areas that have been destroyed by the intifada of the last six years. Hopefully, the United States will contribute greatly, as in previous decades. Other Arab states, pending their own agreements, will also contribute.

Israel was created on the premise that Jews need a national homeland because they have been treated badly in most other parts of the world. Now it is time for Israel to recognize the similar plight of the Palestinians and to live up to the standard of being a moral nation that treats all its citizens equally.

Radical Palestinians say that they are sacrificing the goal of an independent state by signing the agreement — this is ridiculous. The self-rule that has been established in the agreement is the first step in this direction. The PLO's old doctrine of the "complete destruction of the state of Israel" has never been realistic; Israeli armies have defeated the combined forces of all the Arab states four times in wars and can do it again.

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Right-wing Palestinians need to realize that they must cooperate with the peace process to gain what they eventually want. Israelis who oppose giving any land away must realize that they will never achieve peace if they do not. These Israelis fear giving something concrete away in return for the hopeful but intangible notion of peace. However, there is very tangible potential gain for the Israelis.

If this agreement leads to agreements with other Arabs states, the Israeli government will be able to reduce its enormous defense budget and spend its taxes on settling the influx of Eastern European and African Jews, a thorn in the side of the Israeli economy.

Israelis stand by the famous United Nations Resolution 242 which says Israel must have "secure and defensible borders." I believe that the newly signed treaty has not sacrificed that necessity.

As a Jew, I want Israel to be safe and to prosper. As a human being, I want the suffering on both sides to end. If the incredible energy that has been put into fighting can be channeled into running the new government in Gaza and Jericho, the possibilities are promising.

**Adam Gilden '94**

# Cry Me a River

## by Todd Molz

There are two bumper stickers which I often see on the roads of Vermont that I think leave something to be said. The first is "Practice random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty." The second is "There is no government like no government."

Before I discuss the two bumper stickers in connection, I would like to make a couple of passing remarks about the first bumper sticker. I admire its succinctness, as well as its ability to provoke a variety of discordant responses. I am amused by the immediate foolishness of the sticker (why not deliberate acts of kindness and sensible acts of beauty?), disturbed by a deeper problem with the thought behind it and, at the same time, consoled that we are afforded the luxury of such delusory thoughts.

A common flaw of these two bumper stickers is their flight from reality. Both have as an underlying belief what I will call the soft view of the world. According to this view all human beings are loving people, and if everybody just arbitrarily does loving things life will be a continuous series of beautiful experiences. Joe will benefit from Cathy's unexpected act of kindness, and he will well up with love, motivating him to do some beautiful thing for Fred. Unfortunately, the real world acts in an entirely different way.

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In the real world each person has his own agenda. First and foremost, he has a vested interest in his own welfare. There are many times when Joe's welfare will conflict with Cathy's, and just to live in a loving way is insufficient. No mystical force assures that the beautiful harmony of the universe will be manifested and to think so is unrealistic.

To ensure that we loving human beings do not unnecessarily infringe upon each other's pursuit of happiness we have government. Without government, there is nothing to discourage random and senseless acts of violence.

This point brings us to the second bumper sticker that captures the spirit of the soft view of the world, "There is no government like no government." True enough, just look at Somalia to imagine that lovely world with no law. It is a basic fact of human existence that where no law exists to restrain us, humans beings do atrocious things to other human beings. I highly doubt that either of these bumper stickers is a big seller in countries such as Russia, Somalia, or Bosnia.

Even if one takes the stance that human beings are not naturally aggressive, the flux of human affairs inevitably creates real conflict between humans and neither of these bumper stickers allows for this reality. One may say that government is a necessary evil, but no matter what someone's feelings towards government may be, it must be admitted that government is *necessary*.

As to what they say about this country's present state I have mixed reactions. On the one hand, they gratify me, as they remind me of the relatively good situation of our country. They are testimony to the strength of our system. Yet at the same time, I deplore the tranquilizing affect of the first bumper sticker. It mollifies us and allows us to unrealistically place our faith in some cosmic force to solve our problems.

Although this country does has many assets, it also has real problems, problems that require serious attention. I find it hard to believe that the soft view of the world plays any positive role in the search for solutions to these problems. Perhaps we would be best served by leaving the world of fantasy and recognizing the real world for what it is, both for its treasures as well as its problems.

# Como Coco Bueno

## by April Paris

As I moved into my room on campus about one week ago I felt myself becoming slightly pensive, philosophical, even nostalgic, not unlike my mother the day I first left home for Middlebury. It was in the midst of my own reflections that I was reminded of an offer to write an editorial for the Campus. I had been pegged, labeled. I am the liberal. Funny, throughout the years amongst my friends I have always been the conservative. I do not smoke. I have never tried drugs. I will drink maybe two or three times a year. Yet, to mainstream Middlebury society, I am a liberal. I guess politically speaking this may be true.

After spending the summer between my grandmother's house in the Caribbean and an internship in the Southern Cone of South America, it is difficult for me to return to Middlebury and the reality of my world at school and in the United States of America. I experienced the culture shock of not being the "minority." I walked down streets where everyone looked like me. My "canela" skin tones were everywhere and almost every woman I saw wore medium to long curls much like my own. Men did not see my heritage as exotic but rather commonplace. I found the environment strange, intriguing, comforting and frankly, pleasant. When I arrived on campus I became frustrated, aggravated, fed up and enraged, in that order. Now I am probably back to normal but the seed is already planted. After dedicating the last three years at Middlebury to doing everything in my power to increase "diversity," as it is now called, I have seen little progress. But now I am back.

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The other day a friend of mine told me to look through the "New Faces." I did not really question it. However, as I approached the Z's I realized that she did not expect me to take note of the overwhelmingly handsome men (sorry guys).In fact, she wanted me to recognize the low number of students of color: only six blacks, fifteen Latinos, and twenty or so Asians.

When I left last fall I knew that the "numbers" were down; but this was ridiculous. And then I thought about how many would graduate. Just considering my own class, which was relatively large as percentages of students of color go, I remembered returning sophomore year to find a number of students gone; I remembered returning from October or spring break to find out that someone's room had been cleaned out. Up to the day before classes started this fall there was still news that even more had withdrawn. It is all commonplace to me now. Nothing shocks me. Almost nothing.

I recall my father when he arrived in Middlebury with my aunt and uncle to pick me up at the end of my freshman year. They walked into my room, very seriously, with a copy of the "Burlington Free Press" in their hands. The front page headline read something to the effect of "Racial Tensions Rise in Middlebury," but I do not recall exactly. It is all a blur now. "April, what the hell is going on here?" he said. I saw the paper in his hand and knew what he meant but played dumb and told him I was late for my last exam.

By the time he had arrived most of "us" had already brushed it off as life at Middlebury. But only a few nights before I had sat in my JC's room crying. Some of the "guys" had been "jumped" in town. "We" had a meeting in upper Procter at midnight with exams at 8 a.m. There was even a dean or two and some professors who came.

The police had searched the "guys" and let their aggressors, who just happened to be white, go. The "women" were all told not to go into town

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# Editorial

**The failure to communicate: students in the dark about DU decision**

A year of considerable accomplishment. This is how President McCardell chose to characterize the 1992-93 academic year in his address to the college community Monday afternoon. McCardell further declared that we are approaching the coming year with confidence, courage and hope. This broad and optimistic assessment, while appropriate for a speech which was intended to raise spirits, was ultimately unsatisfying.

McCardell played down the student related controversies which dominated last year's news, including only brief references to the off-campus fraternity and sorority struggle, and making no mention of the Delta Upsilon (DU) situation.

The president is hoping that students are ready to join him by leaving these issues in the past. It is not nearly so simple. Considering the turmoil which enveloped student social life in the spring, and which is still very much of concern to students today, the idea of starting with a clean slate is almost laughable. It was only three months ago that the president made the decision to "indefinitely suspend" the DU social organization. Since the decision was made over summer vacation, students have only now begun to discuss the effect it will have on campus life. Since the college has but five social houses, which must support a substantial portion of student social life, the loss of one as stong and active as DU will have a strong and immediate impact on students. This is not to say that President McCardell was wrong to discipline DU. Rather, it is the manner in which the process was handled which raises questions.

The president has always been fond stressing the themes of community, inclusiveness and a shared sense of responsibility. However, in this case, where an issue of great importance to the student body was concerned, the president acted at a time when members of the college were unable to come together and deal with the consequences as a community. The reason: McCardell says he was concerned about the "risk of renewed improper behavior."

How well does this speak of our ability to face the challenges of the future with collective courage when the president is resigned to making decisions when he is confident that the community he talks so much about is too far away to cause any problems?

Like the timing, the wording of the document raises additional questions. How sincere is the president when he calls the punishment a suspension? According to his decision, DU cannot "under any circumstances" be reinstated before the Fall of 1995. Barring any extenuating circumstances, the entire membership of DU will have graduated by then. In short, de-facto termination. McCardell has admitted that the goal is a new organization that retains little more than the DU name. Why not give a new organization the opportunity to replace DU today instead of two years down the line.

The final, and most disturbing aspect of the scenario, is how the administration is dealing with the issue now. It is not. The deans downplay the issue as if no longer affects the community. The president said he did not speak to it on Monday because it will not have a long term effect on the college. This reasoning ignores something equally important to students: the quality of life while they are at Middlebury.

In his concern over how the college will be brought into the next century, McCardell has overlooked the pessimistic mindset of many present day students. There is a prevalent feeling that social autonomy is being stripped. Despite the administration's assertions to the contrary, this is a belief shared by many younger students. The entire manner in which the president dealt with the DU issue has only exacerbated the situation. The students deserved more than a suspiciously worded decision delivered in June and never fully explained.


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# SGA President questions McCardell

While attending the President's "Kick off the Year" talk in Mead Chapel on Monday, I looked around the room at all the people who seemed to scrutinize every word coming from the man who was trying to make everyone feel confident about the year ahead. Every person in that room (including me) represented a particular interest and was struggling to apply whatever the President uttered to his own particular group. I left Mead Chapel thinking that the student body needs to keep asking some important questions.

First, the President mentioned the creation of new curriculum requirements for future classes as a success of last year. Even though I believe the changes are healthy, they were made with very little involvement by students. Sure, there were a few students on the Educational Council who helped out and a quick presentation was made to the SGA showing the general ideas behind the plan. However, the next thing anyone knew was that further substantial dialogue with students was neglected because of vacations, exams, etc., and the new changes were written down as law by the faculty.

Well, guess what is coming up next as the big item for the faculty to debate? Winter Term. Perhaps I would be accused of overreacting, but I would be very upset if the future of J-term was decided in the same manner as the new curriculum requirements. Currently, the Executive Committee of the SGA is working on ways to inject substantial student input into the process. However, the possibilities are limited considering that the official channels of Faculty/Student dialogue are inept at providing anything except forums for last minute begging. We need a joint committee to do a comprehesive review and possible overhaul of J-term, President McCardell. The students need real input this time on an issue which is very dear to them.

A second area where students need to ask probing questions and offer answers is residential life. The President commented on his support of the Commons and House system and stated that variety in this system must be maintained. Well, one of the contributing factors to this variety has been the unique character of each of the social houses. Will the Houses be able to maintain this "uniqueness" now that there are fewer of them with more people wanting to join, or will the whole system collapse into an unmanageable mess?

In addition, there are other important issues about residential life. Are the academic interest houses living up to expectations or should the concept be revamped? What about funding? These are extremely important questions and some will be addressed by a group of students the Executive Committee of the SGA has asked to tackle the issue. However, all of our action will be for naught if the administration is not willing to realize the necessity of some change and re-examination. I heard very little in the President's address which pacified my anxiety on these issues.

Finally, the last big issue concerning the student body from the speech deals with financial aid. President McCardell mentioned a few times the necessity of maintaing need-blind admissions and meeting full assessed need. Without these policies, the quality of a Middlebury education will plummet. Students need involvement in the long process of reviewing and restructuring the way the college deals with financial aid. Many people have asked me how they could participate in this debate. Many are willing to dedicate significant time to this issue. They are ready to help and just waiting for the word, President McCardell.

**Brendan M. O'Leary '94**
**SGA President**

## Como

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alone. It was not safe for "us."

When I came back from my exam, my father still had that same serious look on his face. I got in the car and heard my uncle saying, "I don't know Cal, but if she was my daughter she would not have come to this place to begin with." I knew the decision had been made. On the way to New Haven my father announced to me that I would not be returning to Middlebury in the fall. He had a friend at Howard who could have my application considered even past the deadline and I would easily be accepted. It was for the best. After all I had called him and my mother numerous times that year miserable, crying, wanting to go home. I do not know if I really had changed my mind about Middlebury; either I loved a challenge, or at nineteen years of age I simply did not want my father deciding for me, but I fought him. He told me I was crazy and he had not worked so hard for so many years for me to relive his youth. Still he gave in and I came back. I think about it now, as everyone tells me that things are much better than they were, but I do not see a change. Middlebury class of '97 could easily be the class of '67. Is that progress? Maybe I am getting old but I have not worked so hard for those who come behind not to have it better. I have to wonder if Middlebury is a better place now than it was when I got here.

I listen to myself talk and think and I know that every day I become more and more like the parents I promised myself I would not emulate. I think about the class of '97 and I see them/ you as kids, just starting out. Although I am no old woman, three years from now I wonder who will sit where I sit. Who will be the "liberal," or will there be none left?

# Under Construction

By Mark Feldman

So it's September once again. Now that we've all dusted off our long-stored futons and replaced our posters of U2 and Blues Traveler over our beds, it's time to focus on the semester ahead. Being a senior, I am now confronting the reality that soon I will be thrust out into what most college inhabitants refer to as the "real world." The implication made thereby is that Middlebury is some sort of fantasy land. Well, let's face it, I'm sure most flatlanders would find this place just a bit idealistic. For example, I'm just as environmentally conscious as the next person, but honestly, I just don't have time to spend two hours in the mail room sorting my envelopes, colored paper, Xeroxed sheets, plastic folders, blue diamonds, and purple horseshoes into their respective bins. I've got classes to attend, know what I mean? Personally, I think the first step towards reducing waste is for the school to stop sending us so much junk mail. Even though at times it may seem that everyone around here is sexy and fashionable, I don't think it's necessary to order more than two thousand J. Crew and Victoria Secret catalogues every month. I personally am willing to make that sacrifice.

Also, I'm not quite sure how to comment on the fact that several bins are simply labeled "Spooge." By now I hope that the folks at Old Chapel have been tipped off as to the slang definition of spooge, because I'd certainly hate to see some eager first-year standing in front of a "spooge" bin trying to do his part for the environment.

Moving on (with good reason), it's certainly a thrill to be back on campus, especially since they gave me this spanking new column. First off, I haven't come up with a title and I was hoping that some of my fans out there (or just people who with creative ability and a kind heart) might be willing to mail in some suggestions. Since the Campus is the students' newspaper, I thought it would be nice to use my column to address the concerns of intelligent Middlebury students. Instead of spending each week telling you what I did this summer in five hundred words or less, I was hoping people with any burning issues they would like to see me tackle in print would drop a line. If you do, I'll be sure to acknowledge your name and give you full credit (much to the astonishment and envy of all your friends). In essence, I leave the future of this column in your hands. I hope everyone had a delightful summer and when you read this column next week it'll be sure to have a snappy title and even some worthwhile subject matter. L8R.

# SCATE fights cancer with cross-country trek

By Jenna Lane

A crowd of cancer survivors cheered them on as they left the University of California at Los Angeles' Norris Cancer Center, wishing them well on the long journey ahead. Sixty-two days, 3500 miles and 12 states later, the SCATE (Stop Cancer Across The Earth) team landed in Faneuil Hall in Boston with Middlebury students and alumni skating close behind. Ted Leach '92, Courtney Mather '92, Hieu Nguyen '92 and Mike Sayre '94, the four members of SCATE, had accomplished their goal.

The idea was to in-line skate across the United States to raise money and awareness to benefit cancer research and treatment.

After researching different cancer organizations, SCATE chose to donate the money they raised to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. With the help of Middlebury's Sports Information Director Carolyn LaRose, they gathered corporate support and publicity and began to plan a route.

"This was more than a cross-country trip," Nguyen explained. "Our goal was to inspire people to take action and to give of themselves."

Their project did inspire people, as the team learned. Contributions from Middlebury students accounted for $1600 of the money SCATE raised, part of which helped buy gas for the Winnebago (which was donated), and part of which went directly to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

Besides the donations from companies such as Bauer, who supplied most of the skating gear, and Kodak, which donated film to document the trek, there were the countless occasions when the skaters pulled into a mobile home park and were greeted with a free meal and a place to stay.

In big cities like Chicago and Boston, SCATE received official commendations for their efforts. In the Mojave Desert near Needles, California, a woman and her son who heard about SCATE on ham radio waited on a street corner to see how they were doing. Then they followed the team to its next stop just to make sure they were okay.

"She obviously wasn't very well-off," Nguyen said, "but she gave us what she had in her pocket. To us, the money wasn't as important as the message."

SCATE's message spread through California and Arizona, along Historic Route 66. The group then traveled over Wolf Creek Pass in Colorado, where they reached 11,000 feet and flew down the mountain at 60 miles per hour.

They saw the destruction caused by the floods in the Midwest and the sunsets in the Painted Desert. They played bingo and got advice on Winnebago maintenance at a senior citizens' mobile home park.

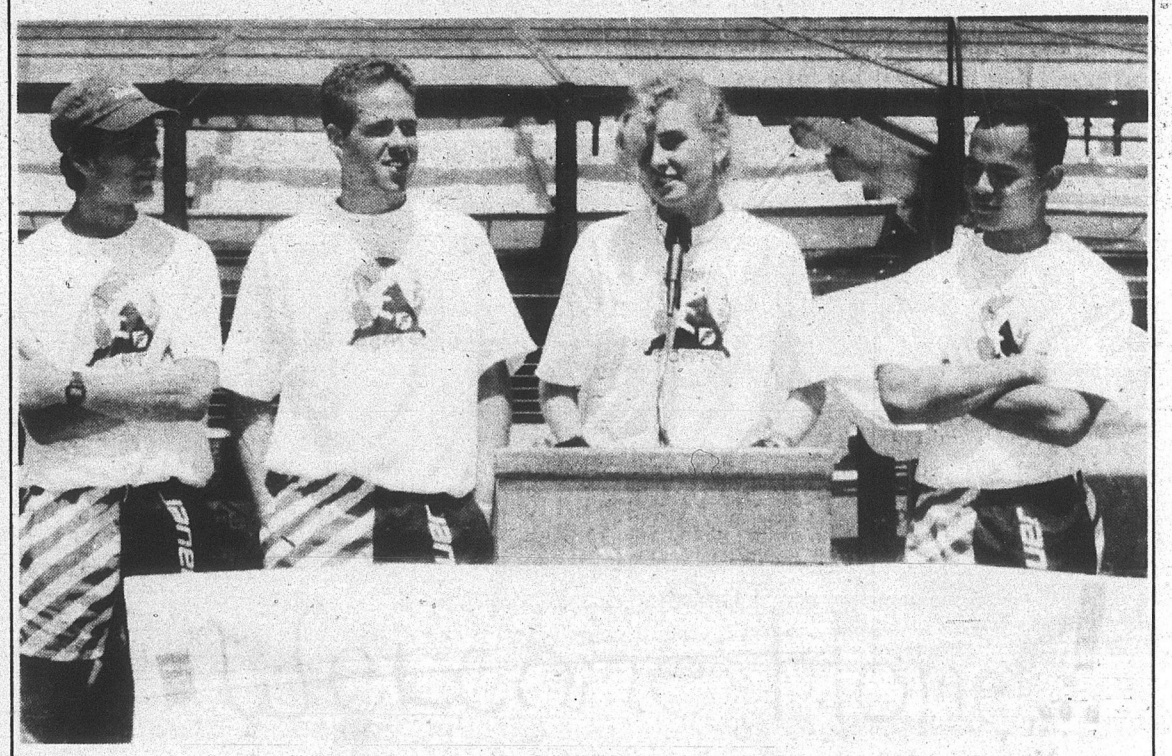
The team averaged about 65 miles per day, with one person driving the Winnebago, except for Leach, who skated every mile.

On a typical day they would meet the press, leave at 9 a.m., skate for six or seven hours and stop at 10 p.m. Besides a few minor spills, they suffered no injuries, and the only major detours they had to take were along the banks of the overflowing Mississippi River.

The trip exceeded the expectations and conquered the doubts of many, including the team members.

They have yet to calculate the total amount of money that will go to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, but in terms of the people reached, SCATE's first effort was a success.

"We met so many good people with good hearts," Nguyen said. "I'd love to do it again."



Leach '92, Sayre '94, Mather '92, and Nguyen '92 honored at SCATE homecoming. *Photo by Alex Grossman*

# Coffeehouse adds flavor, lacks atmosphere

By Jeremy Davidson

Tired of the Crest Room's subs and sandwiches? Got the Proctor blues? Is your neighbor sick of you mooching food from them? Then why not take a short walk down to Mill Street Coffee and News in Frog Hollow, located on the bank of Otter Creek. Nowhere around campus can you find such an assortment of coffees, desserts, beers, wines and juices, along with an abundance of magazines, newspapers and journals all under one roof—or outside on the patio, if you prefer.

Upon entering Mill Street, I was amazed by the abundance of freshly baked goodies on the counter. Big, hearty muffins—some frosted, some teeming with berries—caught my eye and sparked my appetite. Other confections on display were a coffee cake, various pastries and croissants. At last, I decided to buy a mocha cappuccino and one of the chocolate muffins, covered with a rich cream cheese frosting.

Unfortunately, the service was below par. The employees all seemed somewhat morose for people surrounded by such wonderful smelling treats. The bill for my midday snack came to $4.28—not bad — but instead of a hearty portion of cappuccino I received a disappointingly small mug. Nevertheless, the drink was excellent. The muffin was rich, goocy and the frosting got all over the place. I couldn't even finish it. Either it was too rich or I had one waffle too many for breakfast.

For a coffeehouse, the ambience of Mill Street seemed rather sterile. The furniture consisted of plain wooden chairs and stark white tables. Fifties music filled the checkerboard tile-floored room, which seemed out of place. The place just didn't have that cozy, hang-out feel to it that you want in a coffeehouse. The atmosphere could be vastly improved if someone would dim the lights, replace the wooden chairs with some old couches, throw some paint and art on the wall, and play some mellow tunes. Although it's not a great place to hang out or study, it's good for a quick snack. It's too bad you can't just grab a magazine and peruse it while sipping your latte because several signs adorning the racks forbid reading one before plunking down the three bucks to buy it. Lighten up, guys!

For reading material, the selection includes: Vanity Fair, MacWorld, Creem, Muscle and Fitness, Playboy and Playgirl. Also included are local and national newspapers, as well as paperbacks and journals.

For dining, the soup, salad and sandwich menu looks creative and healthy. You can try the garbanzo or cheesecorn soups for $3.50 or for $2.75 munch on caesar salad. For something different, try the hummus and vegetable-sandwich or the brie and apple bagel, both around four dollars. Plain old coffee runs a mere 75 cents, with other coffee drinks ranging from $1.25 to $2.25. Beer and wine are also available.

# Campus Voices

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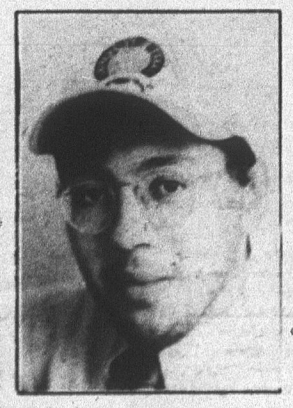
"What's the best thing about arriving at Middlebury after the summer?"

"Proctor bananas!"
-Betsy Traver '95



"Running at 5 am."
-John Mejia '97

"My room in Kelly."
-Analitza Gonzales '96

"Being a senior."
-Liz Bales '94

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# THIS AND SES

# Six quick safety tips for hapless first-years

By Mark Feldman

Unlike the "real world," life at Middlebury can be simple and enjoyable nearly all of the time (with one-third the pollution). However, for the first-year student, things around here can get awfully confusing, as summed up in the eloquent words of one overheard frosh: "Convocation? Is that like a Bar Mitzvah?" To shed some light, the Campus Features section would like to provide some basic information to help all newcomers make a quick and easy adjustment to our beloved college.

1. **Dining** — Entering students should be aware that the Proctor dining unit was specifically designed to create as much chaos and confusion as possible while getting a meal. From the super slippery plates to the turbo model X3000 Ice Machine (a.k.a. the Sprayer), every student on campus can tell you his or her own personal Proctor horror story. To survive Middining with minimal embarrassment, just keep in mind one simple rule: If you drop it, keep on walking.

2. **JCs (Junior Counselors)** — Believe it or not, JCs are a lot more worried about fitting in than you are. After all, first-year students are surrounded by their own kind, whereas JCs are all pretty much strangers in strange lands. Keep in mind that JCs are relatively harmless, being the bottom of the food chain of the residential life program. Your best bet is to take the time to talk to your JC and hopefully, by the end of the semester, have him or her rewriting your final paper for your first-year seminar.

3. **Security** — Middlebury Security are a fine collection of individuals with the psychic ability to see a can of beer being hidden behind a first-year student's back. If you run into Dave, ask him to show you his photos from yesteryear. If he likes you, he may even give you a Fireball.

4. **Parking** — Suck it up and deal.

5. **Taking a digger** — Although the ice season has not yet come upon us, in several months this place will be covered in snow or mud (or something equally as unpleasant), and you may notice an occasional cry of alarm as some hapless student hits the dirt involuntarily. It would be in your best interest to suppress your desire to burst out laughing and scream, "Hey everyone, look, some idiot just wiped out!" because at some point in your college career, you too will be kissing the pavement. The best way to save face when you find yourself losing your balance is to shout at the top of your lungs in mid-fall, "Praise Jesus!" and then once you are down, proceed to mumble the Lord's Prayer or an equally recognizable invocation. Many times, passers-by will stop and join you.

5. **Socializing** — There are mixed opinions about the social life here. Some enjoy the intimate atmosphere, most just drink to excess and whine a lot. The one oddity about Middlebury social life you should be aware of is that nothing gets started until about 11:30, at which point everybody shows up and then it's too crowded. The best weekend strategy: go to the houses at nine, drink the beer, throw the pong, play the fooz and leave at a quarter after. That way, you avoid the rush and have time to sober up before crashing the Crest Room.

6. (and last) **Waking up with only five minutes before class** — Buy a hat.

Good luck to all the new students. And welcome back to all the old ones. We wish everyone success this semester.

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# Outdoor orientation draws record crowd

First-years rest along the trail. *Photo courtesy of Dave Wolman*

By Dave Wolman

As we continued to ascend up the Forehead of Mt. Mansfield, we noticed that our pleasant trail had changed into a treacherous, narrow path up rock faces. Breaking off our walking songs and cheers, we looked silently over the edge at the trees thirty feet below. One by one, we carefully crawled our way along the razor sharp cliff back onto the safe trail. People who had met for the first time only two days ago were now placing their safety in the hands of each other. The experience of passing along that cliff served to strengthen the bond forming within the group. An element of magic surfaces when people share this kind of experience. The magic is MOO.

This fall, many first-year students arrived prior to the regular orientation to take part in the Middlebury Outdoor Orientation (MOO). Organized and coordinated by Laura Kretschmar '94 and Associate Director of Student Activities Cheryl Whitney Lower, this year's MOO was larger than ever with 215 students venturing on 21 trips: 16 hiking, 2 biking, 2 climbing, and 1 canoeing. The MOO program covered nearly all 286 miles of Vermont's Long Trail spanning from the Canadian border to Massachusetts.

Starting September 5, students and group leaders scattered across the region for three days and two nights of physical challenges. Phillip Jeffreys '97 said of his trip, "there is no better way to get to know people than spending three days in the woods together. It is a higher dimension of knowing someone." Kelly Kryc '94, who led a moderate-level hiking trip, found that she was witnessing "friendships growing in front of her eyes as these people who had never met, were now working with one another in order to reach a common goal."

The energy of the leaders and the returning students made all the trips a success. The experience of MOO helps first-year students to feel comfortable amid orientation chaos. MOO also helps to reaffirm the choice of going to college in a rural setting, as well as reminding new students of Middlebury's (and Vermont's) natural playground.

# Tales from abroad

By Elisabeth Egan

Until I made plans to spend the academic year in Ireland, I never realized how many friends and relatives were eager to relocate me to the other side of the Atlantic Ocean. In the beginning, I tried to break the news gently, "I won't be around for a while, but I'll be thinking of you..."

"Are you all packed? With your passport and everything? Are you going to kiss the Blarney Stone? Do you drink Guinness? Have you read Joyce?"

My answer to this barrage of inquiry is yes, except for the part about packing. I'm still stumped by this final step in preparing to study abroad. As the rest of Middlebury is unloading milk crates and cardboard boxes, I am trying to condense my life into one suitcase and a carry-on. After two years of college, I'm used to stuffing the world into duffle bags every few months. I was just starting to get the hang of it. It wasn't always easy.

My first year, our car was so full that I couldn't see my parents during the five hours between New Jersey and Vermont. My view was obscured by a drying rack and a Hefty bag full of bedding. When my mother passed a sandwich to the backseat, her hand looked disconnected by unfamiliar appliance boxes: the toaster oven, the popcorn popper, and a mini-refrigerator that seemed big enough to hold food for a entire family.

Last September, I made some cutbacks. Eyeing the bulky down of my winter coat, I decided to leave it in the attic until Thanksgiving. This was a bad choice; Middlebury had flurries before Halloween. I also parted with a pair of ice skates, a bulletin board and pictures of all the high school friends I hadn't seen during the summer. Driving to Vermont, we could actually open the windows without losing a stack of sweaters. My father's neck was even partially visible from the back seat.

The tone of packing is different this time. Instead of tossing everything into the nearest plastic milk crate, I am forced to make a distinction between whimsical items and necessary ones. Each item passes through mental customs before it has a place in the suitcase. How often have I really listened to this Lionel Richie tape since sixth grade? When will I need Silly Putty in Dublin? Will this Middlebury baseball cap keep me warm?

During my first year at Middlebury, I made friends through my appliances. I always caught myself in exchanges saying, "May I offer you some Lipton's Cup-O-Soup from my hotpot?" or, "Guess what, I noticed that we both have refrigerators manufactured by Sanyo!" (No wonder people are excited to see me go). Introductions won't be so effortless in Dublin. The irony of the packing dilemma is that I am leaving for a bigger world armed with less baggage than ever before.

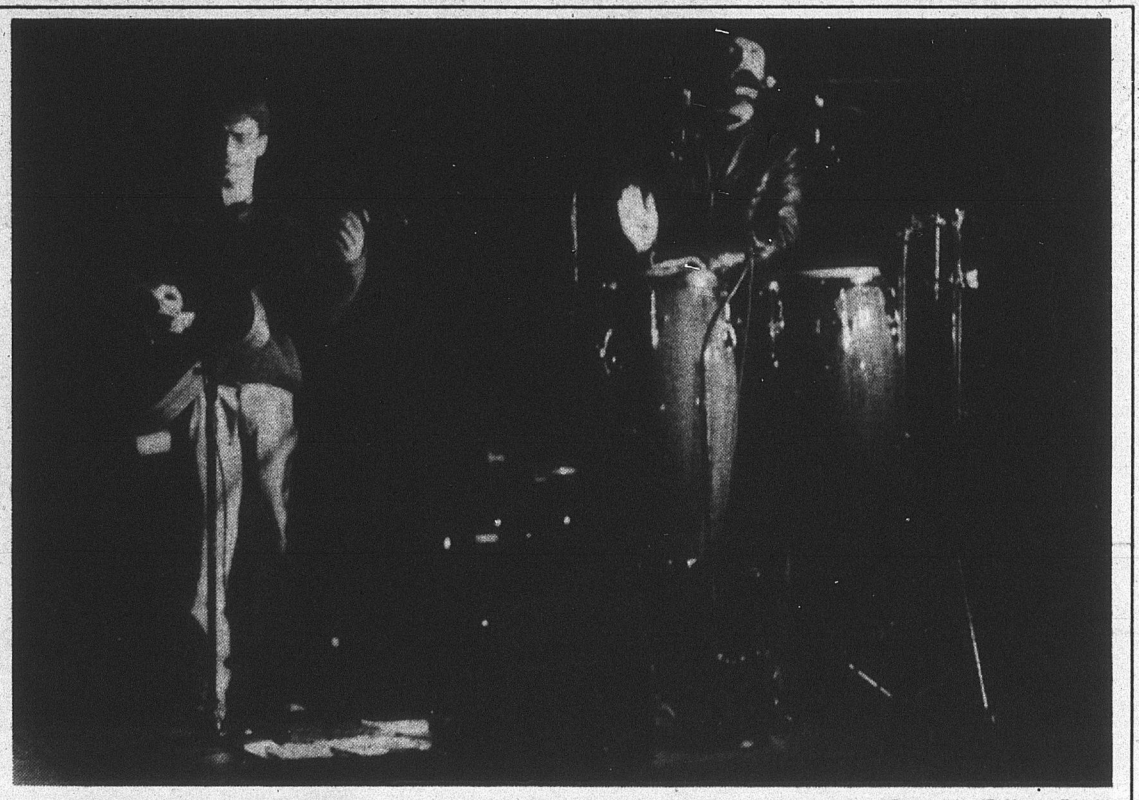
# Terrace party unveils one thousand new goatees

By Lewis Robinson

It's early and a tentative group has gathered. Conversation is energetic yet reserved. The numbers grow as more feel comfortable coming out of their rooms from dorms nearby: Forest, Gifford, Hepburn, and Stewart. They have looked out of their windows and spied a large enough crowd. Some hear the music down the hill. They are dressed appropriately; they can make their post-summer entrance into the Middlebury world. Officially. In public.

It's the Terrace Party; and within the mire of Middlebury College stasis, it's offering a small window for those returning to display change and gain hope. People know that by Christmas, everyone has a pretty good handle on the way things happen, what their friends are up to, what's generally served at lunch. Routines have been established. But the Terrace Party marks a commencement after three months away. People have changed.

Hair is shorter, longer or matched with facial scruff. Some have new attitudes. Many are refreshed. Some are tired from working all summer and are ready to read. This year's Terrace Party is very similar to the three others I have seen. There is unusual excitement, displayed in a Middlebury, gaze-at-the-mountains way. It's called Terrace Party magic. Even for those that are pessimistic, the beginning of the year somehow provides room for optimism and change. Nay-sayers are given the opportunity to think, "This year, maybe, everything will work out well."



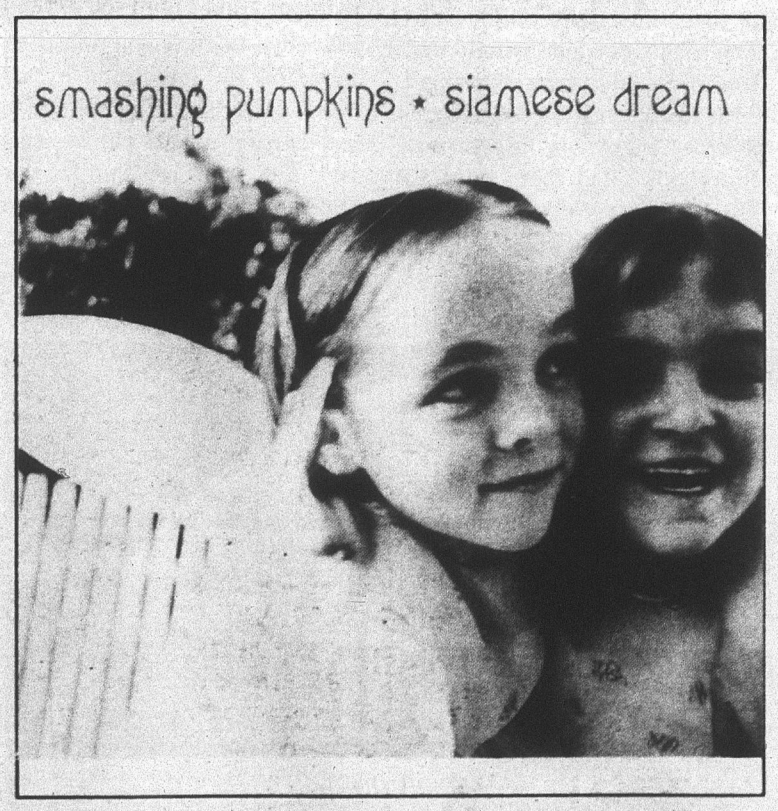
"Jeff and Chad" puttin' on the hits *Photo by Tiffany Claflin*

The Terrace Party is happening even with the boring band. "Jeff and Chad" are on hand: two pleasant, well-meaning musicians who make their living touring around the area and playing covers. They're playing some great staples, "So Lonely" and "Me and Julio Down by the Schoolyard," but they have nothing new or unique to offer. Their revivals of the old favorites aren't good enough to stand on their own; nevertheless, they are an adequate backdrop for the event. They're playing at the northwest corner of Mead Chapel, and some are drawn over from the terrace. People are thankful it's not too loud; they can ask and respond to the decidedly vague question, "How was your summer?" Some are reacting to Chad's bongo beat by dancing. It's a cool night and the dancing keeps them warm. The rest are warmed by alternate means: new students huddle to avoid appearing antisocial, others drink alcohol. The cold spell is no hindrance to the magic.

I'm faced with the beginning of school for the nineteenth time. At the Terrace Party, many others are feeling overwhelmed by their personal school-starting statistic. Even if our history moans otherwise, this time of year distracts us from remembering mistakes we've made in school-years previous.

But once classes get underway, we become self-absorbed. Hope springs from thoughts of vacation, intoxication, and graduation. In December, it may help to remember the Terrace Party, when we have time to lift up our heads from the pit of self-involvement and celebrate a new start.

The Boston Globe columnist Ellen Goodman, familiar with September rituals similar to the Terrace party, put it well when she recently wrote: "we can't truly reinvent ourselves...but on a clear first day, we can walk again in footsteps marked by fresh sneakers and hear a different lesson...."




# *Smell out the sell-outs*

By John Colpitts

Maybe you haven't heard the new Smashing Pumpkins, or Urge Overkill albums yet. So why don't we discuss...

**Smashing Pumpkins: "Siamese Dream"**

A disappointing first listen. A pleasant second listen. A revelatory third. The Pumpkins are writing better ballads here and still playing well in the heavy vien. I'll admit, however, that "Silverf*ck" does not live up to its promising name.

The record has a more produced sound, not in the slickness sense but in the "live" quality. "Gish" had the feel of a great live gig. "Siamese Dream" has the lushness of a late Beatles album. Layered guitars, tasteful strings, tape loops: They're all here and used well.

Although obviously arguable, I give a slight nod to "Siamese Dream" over "Gish" for the songwriting. I never could bring myself to even tape "Gish" for personal ownership, but "Siamese Dream" merits a purchase.

The Pumpkins sound on "Siamese" won't disappoint fans. It is all there; no major league sell-out, just consistent, appropriate rock and roll in the Hendrix mode.

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# The arts editors' journey to the ever-shifting center of the mirth

By Rodney Rothman and John Colpitts

Arts. Middlebury. It can often seem like these two words cancel each other out. In a school where the almighty keg is the grand overlord, a newspaper Arts section would tend to be a quicker read than People Magazine. Somehow, though, beneath the ever-present stench of stale beer, an arts scene has managed to flourish. From the dignified school productions directed by "Richard," to the swaggering of the D-8, to the snapping of the Mischords, to the smoky theatrical dungeon of the Hepburn Zoo or the Gamut room, an arts scene has managed to live on at Middlebury. Fed intravenously and plugged into the wall, perhaps, but living on.

To be named editor of the Arts section is to be given the proverbial "gooch" by the newspaper staff. Barely suppressing a snicker, the newspaper delicately hands you the Arts section between thumb and forefinger, ominously stating, "Here. See what you can make of this."

We knew we had a tough one on our hands. Unlike our predecessors, however, we prepared ourselves to finely tame the wild beast that is Middlebury arts. We would not back down. We would stand firmly under the hot nostrils of the arts scene and say, "Mighty cool in here, anyone have a sweater?"

To achieve this gonzo-like immersion in the arts, we knew we had to think in extremes. We had to find the food of the artist and consume it in enormous and excessive quantities. And that's how we found ourselves at Mill Street Coffee.

Mill Street Coffee and News lies in the redone basement of a building below Frog Hollow. It's a clean place; white table tops, blond, slight wooden chairs, and a yuppie checkered floor. On the magazine racks, which dominate the place, "The New Yorker" shares space with "Playboy" and "Hustler." Against one wall, a blond is reading poetry. Obviously she is on the payroll, earning a tidy sum for each sensitive male artist she lures into the place. It didn't faze us. Another woman is sitting in front of a tourist's guide and a turkey sandwich.

We are attempting to define the connections between coffee and art; its role in the life of a college artist.

It seemed natural. It seemed clichéd. We didn't care. All we knew was that we were going to hit Middlebury's newest piece of Bohemia in the boonies like a Mack truck. We weren't just going to drink their coffee. We were going to chug coffee. We were going to spill coffee and lap it off the table, letting our lower lips and chins become sticky with the stuff. At the end, we would be transformed into drooling, jazz baseline humming monsters. We would break through the barrier so that we could bring Middlebury the best Arts section it had ever seen.

After one cup we fall in love with the blond reading poetry. It seems oddly appropriate.

At this point, we are drinking our second cup, a Guatemalan blend. It's slightly bitter, potent, with the guts to stand alone. We are trying to order the scene into some all encompassing idea about arts and Middlebury and how they can work together. What's the goddamn connection? But that's as far as we can go conceptually at this point in time. We're too wired. John can't even write notes with confidence; his hands are disconnected and flutter independently. It occurs to us only too late that caffeine can really screw with your system and, when consumed to excess, it makes you hurt.

After three cups, we have completely lost track of our metaphysical mission. In a disgusting betrayal of the journalists' code of ethics, we have confessed our entire operation to the woman behind the counter—she seems unconvinced but plays along. We pour another cup of Hazelnut blend and take our chances.

We are sitting in front of our fifth cup and sickness' shadow creeps inside. We feel like we've been oxygen deprived. We're out of control (if control is the way to describe the unadulterated state). The cerebellum has shut down and we start to descend, reeling all the way. John is almost drooling and the predominant sensation is car-sickness. Rodney babbles incoherently. We've broken through the barrier.

Hours later, having shattered the barrier between functioning human being and crazed artist, we are left to pick up the pieces and somehow build something new out of them. We realize that the goal of the coffee shop patron is not self-destruction. But, somehow, this is what the visit had become. We realize that

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# Nonsense prevails in Otters' first show

By John Colpitts

Improvisation is an art. It is not something to be taken lightly. A musician will tell you this; an actor will tell you this; a comedian will tell you this. Great improv is creation, coherence, structure, and communication within set parameters. Within these rules and structures is the challenge and the focus of the artist.

In this way, the Otter Nonsense Players (ONP) are a unique addition to the Middlebury arts scene. The players are artists — their goal is to get you to laugh. But there is dignity to the art of improv comedy. The players want real laughs, intelligent laughs. And this jibes with the aspirations of the group. The laughter which is provoked from bathroom/locker room "humor" is cheap. It arises mainly from the taboo element of the subject. The laughter is nervous, involuntary. So, naturally, when the Otters asked for ideas from the audience on Sunday, all the would-be comedians shouted, "bowel movement," "tampons," "your mother." You know, funny stuff.

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When Brendan O'Leary pointed out near the start of Sunday's show, "We can be funny without doing those types of things," he spoke the truth.

So what happened this Sunday? The Otters '93-'94 McCullough debut, as improvisation, was inconsistent. Structures got out of control; creativity, at times, was an infrequent commodity. However, the players' comedy was successful. There were tons of great laughs and the Otter's energy made the experience immediate.

The Otter's biggest laughs came where the art of improv and the art of comedy converged. These moments occurred in just about every skit. They were most prevalent during the ONP Law skit, where cast members had to use randomly recited lines from Shakespeare plays in a court room defense, during the Superhero skit, and during the Three Way Dubbing skit.

However, there was a tendency toward player deafness. In jazz music, listening is the only important thing. For example: what did he/she play? What can be done to make this into a coherent, quality, moving (in a broader sense) composition? And what the Otters are doing up there on stage is nothing more and nothing less than composition. So, when players do not listen, they do not connect. They could be anyone, anywhere, doing anything. The potential for connection among players is lost.

So there were a few flops on Sunday night. There was desperation and some wasted energy. But these are basically problems related to the risk taking of spontaneous theater

The Otters have the potential and the cast to balance their humor and creativity to reach higher levels of improvisation. And they will. The group grows with every performance and we will be there for the ride.

## First-year students love the 'chords

After a long summer away, the Mischords and the Dissipated Eight overcame their initial awkwardness on stage and gave the class of '97 a taste of that wacky a cappella humor. Judging from Friday's performance, this year is a promising one for both groups.

*Photo by Tiffany Claflin*

## Sell-outs

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**Urge Overkill: "Saturation"**

The Urge's music has always been a tad esoteric. The giddy, wallowing in seventies silliness can be misinterpreted by the uninitiated. It's hard to become a fan on first listen. Their music, and presence are jarring, gut-level and extremely irreverent. They cover Neil Diamond and dress in retro satin and velour.

Urge Overkill's overlooked masterpiece, "Supersonic Storybook," takes the listener on many pleasant, eclectic rides; there are anthems to youth, ballads to aspiring Broadway stars, and tributes to cowboy good guys. All the songs are raised to higher levels by the band's excellent playing and songwriting.

So, when Urge signed a major label, old fans worried over the obvious question—are we in for a sellout? Well now, after a listen to their latest LP, "Saturation," we've discovered the answer is yes.

What used to be a clever approximation of seventies rock is now closer to a rip-off. The album's first song "Sister Havana" reeks of it. Don't despair though, the band's new poppy persona has merits. The album's gem is "Heaven 90210," a cute little romp through the world of those West Coast Barbie Dolls. The song's potential is fully realized, even if the entire album isn't.

If you are interested in aquiring a taste, check out "Supersonic Storybook" and their solid EP "Stull" before you saturate. Both albums reveal different and high quality sides of the band.

## Center of the mirth

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maybe the mission of the artist/patron of the coffee shop is to focus. It is to immerse oneself into the meditation of drinking. It is to hopefully find inspiration in the meditation; but if it does not work out, at the very least, you've taken a break, indulged. Maybe you've composed, relaxed. The artist's coffeeshop is not like a college student's kegger. To drink coffee is to linger over your mug, to think and reflect, to breathe in the fumes and exhale slowly. After sweating the coffee and caffeine out of our systems these truths still run through our bloodstreams. As editors, we can only hope this will bear fruit in the coming months.

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**"I put a lot of stock in drunken hookups."**
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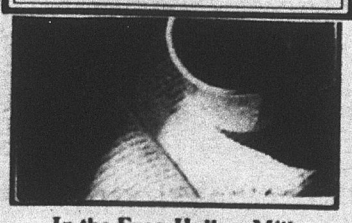

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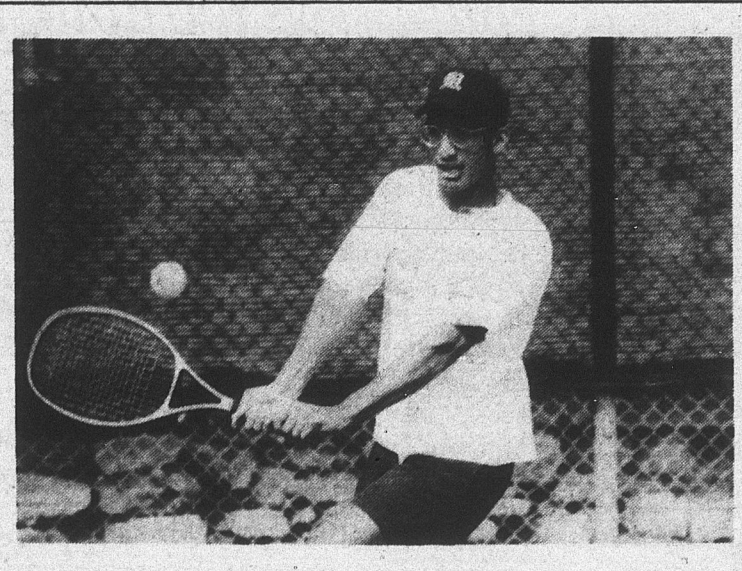
# PANTHER SHORTS

• **Track** Anthony Atkinson '94 became one of seven members of the St. Lucia's National Track & Field Team this year for his performance in the 200 and 400 meter events at the national championship meet in St. Lucia this April. Atkinson, who resides in the United States, was unfortunately unable to represent St. Lucia in the World Track & Field Championships due to an injury to his Achilles tendon incurred during training. Atkinson is currently recovering from this injury and is, "really looking forward to coming back in the spring."



Dave Sequiera '94. *Photo by Alex Grossman*

• **Women's Tennis** Led by captain Allison O'Hare '94, the women's tennis team is preparing to display its depth and experience in the upcoming season.

The loss of two top players from last year's women's team, which finished third in New England, is countered by the return of defending NCAA National Singles and Doubles Champions Helen Motter '96 and O'Hare, '94who returned to the Panthers from a year abroad. Senior Allie Hotzapple, juniors Happy Hazelton, Kristen Ingersoll and Shelley Morse, as well as sophomores Kristen Gibson and Courtney Slautterback are experienced returning players.

Despite many pre-season injuries, the Panther women "are working hard to recover and move ahead while having a lot of fun," according to Morse. The women open their season this weekend, hosting Colby and Bates.

• **Men's Tennis** The men's tennis team will depend on the leadership and experience of seniors Chris Butler, Dan Schatz, Oman Sloan and Captain Dave Sequeira. "The team is bolstered by returning seniors who were away," said Steve Pozatek '95.

They are joined by veteran juniors Pozatek and Lance Klingler, sophomore Keith Magliana and first-year student Matt Coldsnow.

According to Pozatek, "the lineup will be very strong and very deep. There's not much difference between the number one and number six players."

The men play against Great Dane in their first competition.

• **The New England Small College Athletic Conference** has chosen John Atherton 'SP as the 1992-93 Male Athlete of the Year and Sladjana Kovijanic '93 as the Division III Female Athlete of the Year (1992-1993).

They were honored at a luncheon in Boston, MA on September 13, 1993.

# Swimmers reunite for first annual triathlon

**By James M. Oleske**

As the August sun rose over the eastern shores of Bayhead, New Jersey, 30 Middlebury swimmers, both past and present, prepared for a day of camaraderie and competition.

The group was gathered for the first annual Middlebury Swimming and Diving Alumni and Friends Triathlon, the highlight of a weekend long reunion.

The race itself consisted of a one mile swim, a seven mile bike and a two mile run. Ten teams of three competed, with one member participating in each event.

Despite the 8:45 a.m. start, the heat quickly became a factor and the typically humid Jersey Shore setting worked against the competitors. However, the team of Laura Eckert '94 (swimming), Peter O'Hara '94 (biking) and Marlena Faxon '92 (running), fought through the adverse conditions and posted an impressive victory.

Perhaps the most interesting development during the race was the decision of Theodore Dolan '94 to use roller blades in place of a bicycle during his leg of the race.

Dolan, who managed to outpace at least one other competitor, saw the weekend as an opportunity to do more than merely compete in the triathlon.

"I went down because I had been abroad and really wanted to see everyone, especially the alums," he said. "The swim team has always been a very tight-knit group."

Senior Eric Roth echoed Dolan's sentiments and talked about the rest of the weekend's events which included a group trip to a local pancake house, a barbecue, a croquet tournament, a day of water sports and rest on the beach.

"The surf was great because a storm was moving up the coast south of us," said Roth, "and it was a beautiful day."

Swim team coach Mary Ellen Claffey, affectionately known to her swimmers as "Mel," sponsored the event and was happy with the results. She said that she hopes swimmers and alumni will return next year to repeat the success.

## Field hockey

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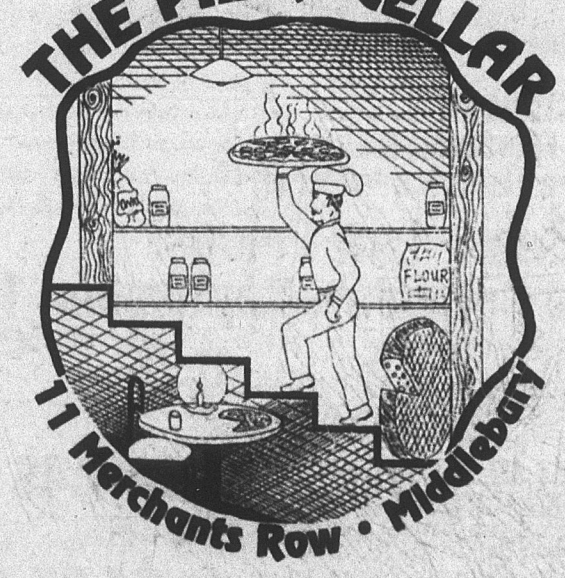
Hopkinson took on three new players, Erin Sullivan '95, Shannon Donnelly '96 and Jessica Angell '96. Making a fabulous comeback from a semester abroad and a bout with mono, senior Lissa Gipson fired back into fifth gear to fill in a vacant left link position.

The newly formed team loaded up the vans and took off on September 10 for the hills of New Hampshire. Thanks to a clever fundraising plan executed last spring, the team was able to enjoy one and a half days of team challenge courses at camp Merrowvista.

The next morning provided a plethora of challenges at the Plymouth State Play Day.

Panther field hockey proceeded to open with a roar against Plymouth State and New England College, defeating both opponents soundly. Unfortunately, Bowdoin did not fall to a similar fate. Overcoming their loss, the team rallied to tie another Plymouth state team.

The Panthers will open their season with back to back home games this Friday at 4:00 p.m. against Colby and Saturday at 1:00 p.m. against Bates on the field next to the men's soccer field.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Bo Wilmer '94 makes a patented save. *Photo by Alex Grossman*

# Soccer draws on wealth of youth and dedication

By Claire Martin

Under the leadership of co-captains Jeff David '94 and Steve Halloran '94, the Middlebury men's soccer team faces a season of transition this fall. They will compensate for the graduation of a total of nine players, including five starters, by utilizing the fresh talent of first-year students and former "B" team members.

According to Ted Dowling, a junior defenseman, the loss of players will not hinder the team's success. "A lot of the young guys are really good and are ready to step up," Dowling said. "People don't expect as much of us, so other teams will underestimate us."

The Panthers will look to David on defense as well as Halloran and teammate Brendan Donahue '94 to anchor the midfield. Coach David Saward emphasized that "there are no superstars this year but a lot of good players."

Defenseman Jeff Fellinger '95 echoed Saward's sentiments, saying, "It's going to take a big team effort this year because it's a different team with a different style."

Coach Saward praised his team's hard work during preseason, citing Jeff David '94, Cullen Meade '96, Steve Halloran '94, Dylan Bolles '96 and Justin Harrison '95 as key returners to this year's team. He also praised first-year students Matt Fritz, Josh Shapiro and Matt Ireland.

Saward is confident in his team's abilities, is optimistic for the upcoming season and feels that "if they're willing to play for one another, it will be a good team."

In a scrimmage last Saturday with Dartmouth, the Panthers performed well despite losing 3-1. "They were a little stronger but we did a creditable job," Saward said.

***"A lot of the young guys are really good and are ready to step up," Junior defenseman Ted Dowling said.***

The Panthers kick off their season ranked seven in a coaches' rating of New England teams based on the performance of last year's team, the strength of the schedule and the results of last year's playoffs.

## Hollingsworth

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worried, saying, "I don't think it will matter. Look at Michael Jordan."

Clearly, Middlebury is proud to have Amy Hollingsworth on its "dream teams." Three seems to be the magic number for Amy. Competing on Panther cross-country running, nordic skiing and cycling teams, she is always speeding toward victory.

Last year, she raced at both skiing and cycling nationals, finishing an impressive 11th place against the cyclists.

So look for Amy's name throughout this year and don't be surprised to plop down on your couch some future summer day, flip on the TV and see Amy Hollingsworth, Middlebury Class of 1994, swimming, cycling or running her way toward Olympic gold.

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# Free agency means a free-for-all

By Neall Currie

Free agency is a beautiful thing. With that, I welcome you to another column where I admit I was wrong.

Roughly a year ago, when Keith Jackson and a few other players were suing the National Football League (NFL) owners for free agency, I was convinced it would be the end of competitive football. I mean, the National College Athletics Association (NCAA) Division I operates under a free agency system, and look how long Miami, Michigan, Florida State and Notre Dame have been ranked in the top ten. That kind of long term unchallenged success is only interesting for the coaches who get paid for it.

For any fan of good football, nothing could be more boring than watching a bloated team like the Hurricanes play a cream-puff schedule and never lose a game. Wouldn't we all rather see Iowa make the Rose Bowl from time to time, or watch Kentucky play Mississippi in the Southeastern Conference (SEC) championship game?

I was sure that if pro teams, like the college powerhouses, were able to outbid each other for the best players without financial or contractual restrictions, the richest teams would establish dominance and stay on top indefinitely. The teams owned by shaky partnerships or playing in small markets would scrape the barrel for journeyman players just so they could field a team and stay in business one more year.

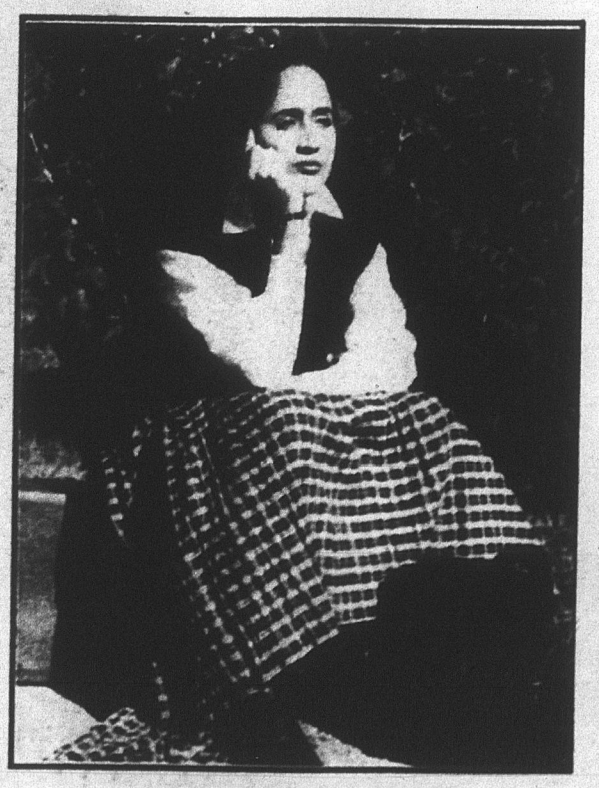
Instead, free agency will come with a salary cap. That means that every team's general manager has to do more than just hand out big checks. Teams will have to decide where they need the most help, what players can help them most, and how cheaply they'll come. They'll have to make some sacrifices and some compromises, and they won't be able to just hike ticket prices to pay for some college dropout's jewelry or drug habit. Basically, they'll be doing what fantasy-football league managers have been doing for years.

The cap will also change the player's prospects. For Emmitt Smith, easily the best running back in the league, it means he'll never play in a Super Bowl again if he keeps up his demand for "Thurman Thomas money." Under a salary cap, the only teams that could give him four million dollars per year are ones that won't be able to sign any other marquee players and won't even make the playoffs. Look at Eric Dickerson; he consistently priced himself out of the market even without a salary cap, and he never asked for as much as Smith dreams he's worth. Some players don't mind playing for mediocre teams as long as they can make the big money. But some work a little harder in the preseason don't they Emmitt?

One of the laments that comes with free agency is that it means the end of player loyalty. But, in fact, layer migration won't be any worse than it has been in the past. The salary cap will force teams to start offering more four and five-year contracts instead of one and two-year deals. They'll have to in order to keep their best players while staying under the cap. On the other side of the coin, players under contract won't be able to hold out for more pay every season; they'll quickly learn that no teams will be willing to break the bank on them.

The salary cap isn't the only thing saving pro football from the pitfalls of the college ranks. College teams are dragged down by boosters: people who actually believe that college was the best years of their lives and never paid any attention to the years that followed. So to help live in the past, they get together to raise money to help their favorite college team defray expenses. That may sound noble, but who really believes that the University of Washington athletic department is having trouble making ends meet? Boosters aren't in it to advance the condition of the student-athlete; they're out to buy a little of the pride they don't have in themselves. Nobody seems to donate much money to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers; doesn't it seem like they need it a little more than the Miami Hurricanes?

In the meantime, we're in store for the most exciting football season in years. Free agency is here; a salary cap is still a year away. This year teams have a chance to buy their way into the playoffs before the salary cap shows up to require some fiscal responsibility. Due to this, some of the small-market teams that have been hoarding cash waiting for free agency have one year to spend that money and buy a winner. The Green Bay Packers, New York Jets and Cleveland Browns have gone all out, betting everything on making the playoffs this year. Some good teams, like the Miami Dolphins and Minnesota Vikings, picked up some top players to make themselves great teams. The best teams lost some of their key players, bringing them back down to the pack. 0-2 is how good Dallas is without Smith. This is the first, and maybe the last, truly unpredictable NFL season in a long time.



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# Panthers defend conference title

By Paul Kristoff

If the 1993 Middlebury football team is to repeat as champions of the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) and enhance its reputation as a New England power, several key spots will have to be filled on both sides of the ball.

Particularly hard hit are the offensive and defensive lines with the graduation of mainstays Rick Grenda '93 and Hank Calum '93. Other critical losses include quarterback Andy Hyland '93 and defensive back Grady Woodring '93. Coach Heinecken has remained optimistic, however, and believes that the right combination of hard work and lucky breaks may put the Panthers in serious contention for the NESCAC championship again.

While Coach Heinecken concedes that "this is certainly not a veteran team," he is happy with the intensity of preseason practice and believes that underclassmen can successfully fill the numerous gaps.

Heinecken draws an analogy between the current squad after two weeks of practice and last year's team coming out of preseason. "Both teams had to face big losses and a lot of question marks. Last year things worked out very well; and if things fall into place like last year, we can be successful."

In order to be in the running for a chance to repeat, the team will need inspired playing and great leadership from senior captains John Fortin (center), Matt Whitcomb (tailback), and Dave Middleton (linebacker).

On offense, Fortin and Whitcomb will be joined by key skill position players, like tight ends Ryan O' Sullivan '95 and Pete Cragan '94. Both players have good hands and are tenacious blockers.

Seniors Doug Clarner and Jim O'Brien will both see plenty of time at split end and should rack up considerable yardage through the air. Mike Brass '95 will complement Whitcomb at fullback and will look to severely punish any defender in his path.

Todd Anderson '94 will lead the Panther attack at quarterback and will be able to draw on his past experience to be a potent force in every game.

The defense will be anchored by Middleton and the likes of defensive end Winfield Campbell '95 and cornerback Will White '94. Despite the loss of almost the entire defensive line, Coach Heinecken is confident that this year's unit can be as dominant as last season's group.

In Sunday's Blue-White scrimmage, the offense had many problems trying to move the ball. "The defense in the scrimmage," according to Heinecken, "was very solid considering the new defensive line."

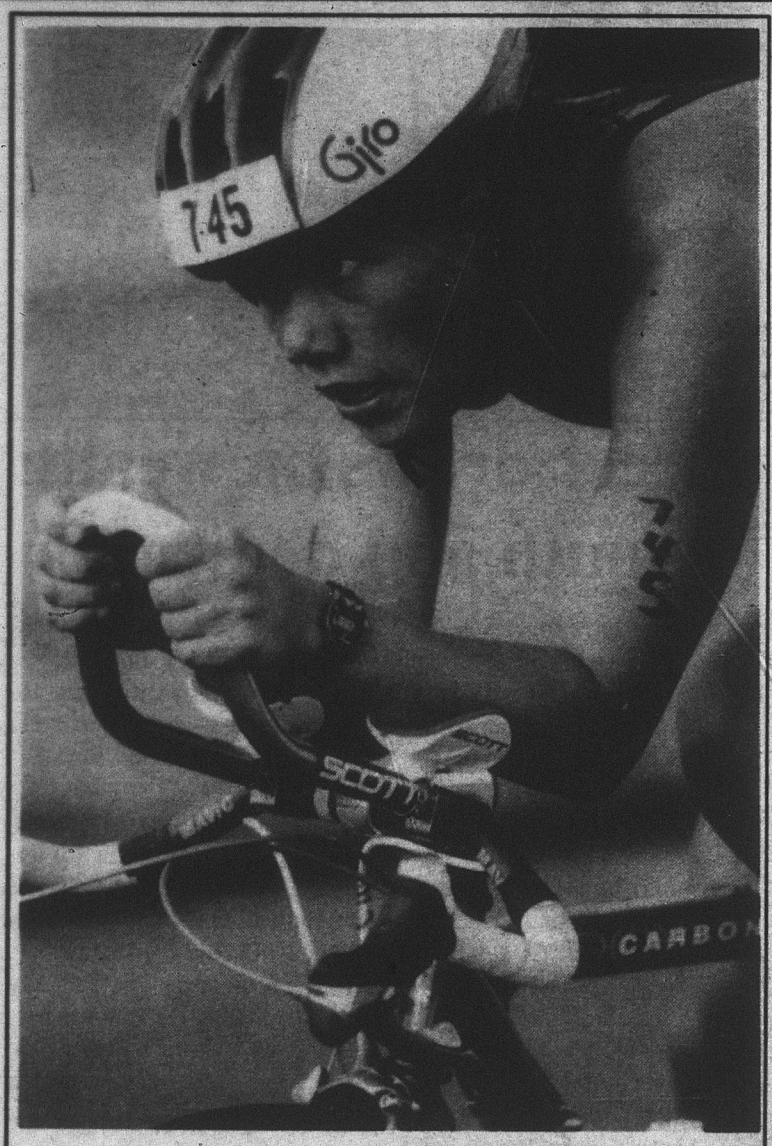
Although the first two weeks of practice have gone relatiyely well, the coaches and players agree that the practices in the next two weeks before the opener at Bowdoin on September 25 will be the most critical.

Several positions are still up for grabs and intense competition for them will hopefully result in the kind of practices the team needs to prepare for their first game.

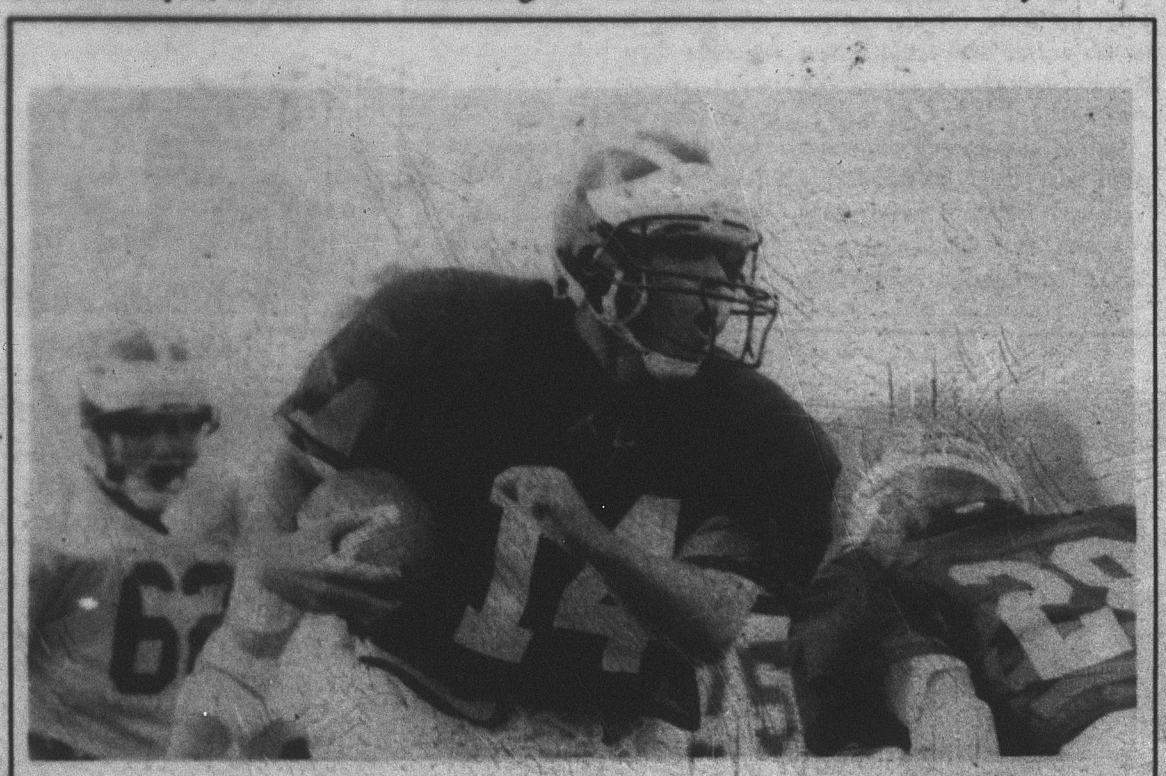
Perhaps junior tailback and kick return specialist Darius Brawn put it best when he said, "we certainly have the desire and enough talent to live up to expectations, but a lot of work remains before the season starts."

The rivalry between opening day opponent Bowdoin and Middlebury has become more fierce in recent years as the two teams have played tight games: The Black Bears nipped the Panthers in 1991 only to have the Middlebury squad return the favor last season.

This season looks promising for Middlebury football fans. Two of the toughest NESCAC teams will be traveling to Vermont. In what should prove to be a classic battle, Williams comes to town on Homecoming Weekend, October 16. Two weeks later on October 30. Middlebury will remain home to play Trinity, the only team to defeat the Panthers last year.




Amy Hollingsworth '94 led most of the race.
*Photo courtesy of Amy Hollingsworth*




Doug Mandigo '96 leads the Blue against the White. *Photo by Alex Grossman*

# Hollingsworth repeats as triathlon champion

By Megan Feeney

What does the average Middlebury student do with two hours on an average summer day? Sit in an air-conditioned movie theater, adrenaline rushing because Tom Cruise is threatened by a firm of Memphis lawyers? Admit it: You're guilty. But, what does a not-so-average Middlebury student do? Well, in the time that it takes the rest of us to eat a jumbo tub of popcorn at our local cineplex, senior Amy Hollingsworth won the World Triathlon Championship in Manchester, England.

Two hours and seventeen minutes was all it took for Amy to swim .9 miles, bike 27 miles, and run 10 kilometers, earning the international amateur title for her age group of 20-24 for the second year in a row.

Two hours and seventeen minutes. Actually, it took a little longer than that: five to six years of endurance training, two to three hours on an average day, four to five on a "hard" day.

Amy has always been an athlete, swimming competitively since she was six, as well as playing soccer, basketball, "everything really." In her hometown of Duluth, Minnesota, Amy was recruited by a friend to compete with the triathlon team at the state university. And the rest is sweaty history.

Last year, Amy pulled ahead after the swim, taking the lead in the cycling portion of the race and maintained her position through the sprint to the finish line. This year her status as reigning champion qualified her for Nationals to contend against athletes from 49 countries.

Amy stroked ahead in the water and pedaled in the lead position. In the final portion of the race, the run, she was threatened when a woman in the second position caught and passed her. Amy is not used to watching the rhythm of someone else's shoes. She pulled ahead, determined to hold on to her title.

Determination: Amy Hollingsworth certainly has it in her own quiet, confident way. Sitting beside the Student Activities desk in McCullough, Amy easily talks about her plans for the future. Already competing against pros in summer races, she is unable to accept the available cash prizes, Amy talks about "going pro" in two or three years.

In Manchester, her time was only seven minutes off the winning pro's time. With surprising modesty in light of her accomplishments, she discusses how the decision to go pro might effect her eligibility for the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia in which the triathlon will be included as an event for the first time. But she doesn't seem too

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# Hockey shows preseason promise

By Sarah Copley and Anna Kehler

Arriving at school September 2, Panther field hockey players began the preseason with a mentally and physically challenging conditioning test.

"I knew preseason had begun when my heart started pounding and I felt my legs windmilling across the pavement," said Marnie Virden '95, victor of the timed two mile run.

The next day the team was thrown into a rigorous schedule of five morning runs and long triple sessions. However, with co-captains Amy Copley '94 and Nancy Hastings '94 taking the helm, the team was kept in high spirits.

"I immediately sensed that the flock was in desperate need of a shepherd," said Copley. "I did my best."

Coach Missy Hopkinson shut her black book on September 9 and announced the fifteen members of the varsity team. Along with the twelve returning members,

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